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SENATOR BROWN: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Senator Brown, I was asking about the comments that were made by Senator Bohlke that there are two states that have achieved waivers in this matter, those were Nevada and South Carolina. I wonder if you know the circumstances of those two states?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, actually, South Carolina is the only state that has received a waiver. South Carolina has a system where their enforcement and their collection and disbursement are together. It's very different than what we have with county attorneys and clerks of the court. It's very different, apparently, from most of the rest of the nation. And they also have about a third of the number of counties that Nebraska does, and that apparently had some impact on their ability to show whether a centralized system or a decentralized system was more cost-effective. That is the crucial issue to determine whether or not you can receive a waiver, and whether you can prove that a decentralized system is more cost-effective. And, because of the unique circumstances in South Carolina, they were able to do that. Nevada, on the other hand, has not received a waiver. They have received an extension. They are going to be able to have their wage withholding, their income withholding, single disbursement unit in place by the October 1, 1999 deadline.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: By virtue of having that in place, they are able to show good faith that they are in the process of moving forward on their fully centralized system. And so they have received an extension of time in order to get the full program in place, because they are able to be in place with their wage withholding system by the October 1 deadline.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I gather from what you're saying, Senator Brown, that the comparability of both of those states, Nevada and South Carolina, don't really fit into the program that we currently have in Nebraska?

SENATOR BROWN: Not at all.