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only did he contact the federal officials about whether or not we would be sanctioned, but he also received...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...information about the cost-effectiveness. And he became convinced that a fully centralized system is more cost-effective. And that...that's essentially what brought us to the position, I believe, that the perception, at the federal levels, brought us to the situation that we're in right now. And...and the results of the Bureau of Business Research study confirmed that.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, all right. There's one other issue I wanted to address. Senator Baker, I believe, mentioned that we now have 64 percent collection, as compared to 27 percent nationally. Would that be a valid reason that we should stick with the system we have, rather than making any changes?

SENATOR BROWN: Collection is...collection is certainly...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Amendment to the amendment, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. Senator Kristensen would move to amend with AM1786. (Legislative Journal pages 2102-2103.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Kristensen, to open on your amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. It's going to be difficult enough to try to distill this whole debate because everybody is going to want to talk about different pieces and parts, and so I'm going to try, in this opening, to organize it. And Senator Brown does, I think, need some opportunities to discuss the whole global issue of this mandate and how the child support system is going to