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amendment, which is on page 3, says for the purposes of doing this, all the district courts who utilize the Title IV-D Division Statewide Automated Data...Automated Data Processing and Information Retrieval System. This is going to require, if we're going to have a statewide system, everybody has got to get on it. Douglas County is not on, and probably is the one big stumbling block at this point because they have their own operation and their own system, and it's working well for them. The problem is that it doesn't fit into the statewide system. And, if we're going to do this, we're going to have to be part of a statewide approach. But that's a good concept in terms of we need to get ourselves, our house in order, if we're going to truly have statewide collection, we got to be able to talk to each other all over the state. The fourth concept that I think is important for us to talk to the federal government, because we're needing time. If you ask me, why are you presenting these concepts, we're going to need some time to begin to have a Nebraska solution and answer as to how this gets done. And we're going to have to show the federal government we're moving constructively ahead. One of the things that's big on their list is the turnaround time of checks. We've talked about this on General File. There's a 48-hour turnaround that the federal government has as a target. Actually, I think it's part of the mandate. But we don't do that. Because why? The clerks are on the hook, and they're not going to take a bad check. If we're going to move to a statewide system, one of the issues here is that you need to have some way for those checks to be turned around in the interim. We're talking about, until we get the statewide system up and operating, we're going to have to run our existing child support system in place, but we're going to have to show some good faith efforts that we're making progress to that end. The reason that we then put in the next provision was that we're going to reimburse the counties for those unrecovered costs associated with processing and disbursing the support orders. Basically, the county is going to hold the bag. Now that makes me nervous. What happens if the clerks all say, hurrah, hurrah, give me...give me a blank...not a blank check, but give me a napkin, here's a check I'm going to accept because I don't have to worry about it, the state is going to pick it up. That's the reason that you don't see in this version relieving the clerks of liability. I think you still hold that out there, and that there can be rules and regulations about if