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SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay. Douglas County is obviously not one of the counties that are on the JUSTICE system. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROWN: Correct. My...my...the...one of the things that I was told was that there was...that part of the reason that Douglas County prefers the system that they have is because it takes a fairly short amount of time for them to enter a case into their system, compared to the JUSTICE system. But what I found out is that they are not entering a great deal of the data that is required by the federal government.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time. Thank you. (Visitors introduced.)
Onto our list of speakers. Senator Brown, please.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in response, I...I...first, I would like to argue that...that I really want people to seriously look at AM1775, because it is a compromise, and it is taking the...the original position of the bill, which said, yes, we'll do centralization. The decision of this body on General File, which was, yes, we'll seek a waiver, and saying, okay, we'll seek a waiver, but we'll do the centralization part that we have to do under federal regulation. And so that is what is contained in AM1775. And I am...I'm not certain that everybody...I mean I would like to believe that everybody believes that there is no opportunity to seek a waiver. But I'm not sure that everybody has given up completely on that. And, if you haven't given up completely on that, then you want to go with AM1775, because if you...if you go with the Kristensen amendment, especially the way it is right now, we...it is saying we have to...we're showing good faith that we're going to move forward without the opportunity to apply for a waiver. So that's a fundamental issue, you have to decide whether you believe that there is a chance. Now I will be quite honest, I don't believe that our chances are very good. I have a letter from the federal government that says that any application for a waiver must include the results of the study of the Bureau of Business Research which showed very clearly that it was most cost-effective to go to a central...an SDU centralized...fully centralized system. The other part of the Kristensen amendment that we need to be careful about is what our expectation is from this study, because the charge of the