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SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...25 different things. I would hope we could collect those in one area. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Matzke, please.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to address a couple of questions to Senator Brown, if she'll yield to a question.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Brown.

SENATOR MATZKE: I preface my question by saying that I think one of the fundamental, down to earth problems in this whole question is the issue of what to do with bad checks, insufficient fund checks. Apparently, the whole rationale for the federal program is to shorten the turnaround time so that custodial parents, usually the mothers, receive their child support checks without having them held by the clerk of the district court for ten days or two weeks or even longer. So we've got a turnaround problem. But the mere fact of transferring the responsibility from the clerk of the district court to a centralized, federally mandated program is not going to make bad checks good checks. We're still going to have bad checks. So I guess my question to Senator Brown is, how will the program, under your bill, deal practically with the matter of bad checks to expedite the payment to custodial parents?

SENATOR BROWN: I'm looking for the section. But my amendment does, in a way that's not exactly the same as the Kristensen amendment, but does relieve the clerks of the personal responsibility, personal liability for bad checks. But the system, when the SDU is established, the system will be the same as it is currently, other than the personal liability issue in that bad checks will be...will be prosecuted and there will be every attempt to make recovery. And as we talked about a little bit on General File, the...the impact of bad checks is not that...that great in the scope of things after the point that they've gone through all the collection procedures and things, so that it's a fairly minimal impact, financially. And the