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state will end up bearing whatever is the...the ultimately uncollectible amount of bad checks that there are. But one...I would say in response to what you said about the two-day turnaround that the other aspects of the federal legislation, one of the other aspects that's important cost-effectiveness, because the federal government pays for part of it is a big aspect. But the other one is that every mechanism to encourage, for those people that it's appropriate, wage withholding and income withholding, because that is such a much more efficient and successful system, is a part of this, and that...that you're probably not going to get into bad checks as much in that situation. So one of the goals is more wage withholding.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you. Well, as I've expressed to you when we've discussed this bill, my concern is from a practical standpoint that a lot of nonpayment of child support results from the fact that people who are of limited financial income often are those who switch jobs, who work at temporary employment, who may be agricultural employees that their work, by nature, is seasonal, so they may work for the summertime, and they may not have work in the fall,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...and they...their income is erratic, and that a lot of the problems in child support stems from those people who either have their jobs terminated or shift from one job to another, especially in small towns and rural areas, and then they're not really available long enough to have a direct...the benefit of direct payment to a centralized collection unit. And so I think the issue of bad checks, I note that on page 5 of your amendment, in paragraph 2 of Section 6, there is a provision that deals with insufficient fund checks, and ends up requiring that these funds be paid by cash, certified funds, or electric (sic) fund transfer. Well, again, that's fine if somebody has a bank account.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time. Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Bohlke, please.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the Kristensen amendment. For one reason, I have my