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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Bohlke, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President, members. Senator Raikes had a question as to why we would need to do a new study. And I have some comments from some of the task force members with regard to the study that I think point out, but I want to reiterate again I am in no way saying that the study performed by the university was not well done, and that Dr. Lamphear did not do a good job. The issue happens to be with the parameters that he was asked to operate under. And from the task force that says the study presented to us was not only a waste of \$100,000 of this state's money, but provided no meaningful information in regard to the costs of centralized collection upon the other offices, or upon the consumers themselves. We feel that this was not through the fault of the University of Nebraska, but through the fault of those individuals in the Department of Health and Human Services who provided them the wrong information as to what the study should include and the failure to require the study to contact representatives of the County Attorneys Associations, the clerks of the district court, and judges throughout the state to get their input. Further, no input was gathered from any consumers of the service, but the study relied on information provided to it directly by the Department of Health and Human Services. We can find no one else to blame for the failure of their report, other than the department. There is another letter that says, throughout the years, this is from another county attorney, my office has had daily and continuing contact with the centralized collection method utilized by the state of Colorado. And we all heard about the problems with Lockheed Martin. And this goes on to say the frustrations that they felt that they had learned through the experience of Colorado and the lack of reaction from what originally looked like that was the group that the Department of Health and Human Services were considering entering into a contract with. I think since then that is no longer true. But Senator Raikes asked why we need to do a different study. What I had tried to point out was, one, that the task force thought that the parameters that were given Dr. Lamphear did not reflect many of the issues the task force wanted included in a study that would then generate a plan that