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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So I don't understand what gets done and how that's going to meet the federal test, I guess?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're...the feds want to make sure we're going to make a commitment to centralized child support, concept one. That concept is satisfied by Section 2 where we create a State Disbursement Unit for statewide collection and disbursement. Okay? That's a milestone or a hoop that we would jump through. Then the study would be how we'll best implement this. That's got to happen and be completed prior to October 1. At that point in time is when you would have the IV-D people begin to look at here's the recommendations. During that period of time they would then recommend how you would actually carry out those things from the study. And that's when the rules and regs from the IV-D program would begin to be fashioned.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You'd then have a recommendation of who is going to be the administrator or the operator of the system that we're establishing. Senator, absolutely, this is not...this is a three-page framework, and it is not what you and I were probably going to do if we'd set up a natural resources district, if we were going to set up a court of appeals, if we were going to the TERC or something else, where we've got to...where we fill in all the details. This is primarily what do we have to do to avoid being penalized, and part of avoiding being penalized is to establish and make a commitment toward the centralized disbursement unit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's...I...I...I understand that we're putting language in a statute that says we hereby establish. And I suppose if the federal government buys that,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...I don't mind waiting a little bit. More shortly, Senator.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator