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the district court are making that kind of transfer on a consistent basis. I remember, for example, a huge incident we had in Lancaster County, not so long ago, where it was considerably longer than two days and it had to do, in the end, with clerks who were out because they were sick, combined with vacation time at a holiday time of year, and a large number of people didn't get their checks in two days, much...in considerably more than two days. And if that sort of thing is happening in Lancaster County, I assume in places where there may be just one or two persons who can make those disbursements, that sickness and vacation and those kinds of things are going to be even more disruptive of a consistent and smooth process, and that perhaps we...we want to think about that requirement. I'm not sure, course, with this whole bill I'm not sure if we mean anything we say or whether we're just saying it and not expecting any real change. And perhaps we ought to be careful about that fallacy in terms of what the expectations are in the agencies out there and in the clerks of the district court offices. I mean, are we doing this whole thing to mean nothing now and satisfy the federal government, or do we mean that the whole thing should be done to the extent that it is so directed in the bill, or do we mean just certain parts of it should actually be done and other parts of it should not? Do we really...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...do we really mean that they all should get on the JUSTICE system, or are we just telling them that so that the federal government thinks we're moving ahead with this? I don't know how this is...process is going to shake out, but I'm...I don't feel comfortable with the Legislature in this position where people are...might be saying, well, they didn't really mean that. I mean, we better be clear by the time the day is over today exactly what we mean and what we don't mean, and what's in there for purposes of demonstrating to the federal government that hopefully we've gone far enough for this year? So my time is almost up, but when...when there is time for me to speak again, Senator Kristensen, I think I'll come back to you with some of the questions that I had raised when you were off the floor. Thank you.