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you'd had two bad checks or whatever then you could be required to pay in cash.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. My concern here is the possible breaking of the link between accountability and responsibility...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if...if all the county has to do, the clerk of the district court is actually then the processor of all this, as usual, and if all they have to do is collect the money from the state, what then is the incentive to the county attorney who doesn't like collecting insufficient fund checks to begin with? You and I know, from experience here, that one of the big problems we have, from a small businessman's perspective, is getting the county attorney to collect on insufficient fund checks, and since the county attorney's associated with the county budget and will not be concerned about the county losing money, are we going to be relying upon the county attorney to prosecute for insufficient fund checks and what is going to be their incentive to do it?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The answer is, yes, the county attorney is still going to be in the bad check collection. The other part is that you don't see the striking out of the liability issue of the clerk. That's sort of the interim...the interim portion. I would...there are amendments out there and I think that the county attorneys and the clerks both have an interest in trying to get rid of the clerk's personal liability, but if the state's going to be reimbursing, there's still some...but the clerk is still on the hook, there's still some incentive for the county attorney to say, well, this is, you know, this is more than just a bar who's taken a check from a bunch of people out buying six-packs of beer and I'm not really too concerned about collecting that check. It's a county official that he's, in effect, protecting. The fear, I'll tell you, that I have with that...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But...