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debate, there may be other issues. But, at this point in time, this is the amendment that I believe puts it in the condition at least that we've all agreed to up to now and I believe that it meets the goals that Senator Brown had. I think it meets the goals that some of the rest of us had that the bill, in its present condition, we can't...we can't pass that bill or live with the bill in its present form. It's got to be amended in some form or fashion to give some Nebraska solution but yet comply with a mandate. Mr. President, I appreciate the patience of the body and the Chair, hope that they adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. For discussion on the Kristensen amendment, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this does accomplish sending the message to the federal government that, yes, we are going to have a central disbursement unit in the state of Nebraska. It reserves to us some decisions that we may some day wonder why we reserved to ourselves and didn't just, as Senator Raikes suggested, bite the bullet and make the decisions right now. We are deferring some of the pain, but we are sending a message to the federal government that, yes, we are going to cooperate with what they want in terms of a system that is going to be more cost-effective, that is going to be faster, that is going to make easier the interstate aspect of child support collection. And, with that, I would urge the adoption of the Kristensen et al. amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Further discussion on the Kristensen amendment? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, let me ask you, with regard to the confirmation process...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, could I...could I inquire with regard to the confirmation process?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.