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LB 592, 637

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 592 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the advancement of LB 592 to E & R. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 637.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 637, a bill on Final Reading. Senator Kristensen would move to return the bill for specific amendment, AM1921. (Legislative Journal page 2351.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: We are on Final Reading. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have this amendment. This is the child support bill for the year. This is, as you remember, the centralized child support concept that's the federal mandate that we've struggled with and struggled with and struggled with. I want to put this amendment up. And this deals with who is going to be the entity or the officer who will be operating and administering the State Disbursement Unit, known as the SDU. Now, there's STD's and all these other things in the world, maybe they're closer than we think. But the central or the State Disbursement Unit is perhaps the crucial one, because, for us, that's who's going to be running and managing and, quite frankly, the entity who's going to have to coordinate this whole process of centralized payment of child support and disbursements. We originally started off, and I had an amendment, at one point in time, that talked about that the Legislature, the Exec Board was going to do that. There were issues of separation of powers raised. Since Select File discussion we've been in touch with Max Smith, who's with the Office of Child Support Enforcement, this is the federal agency. Following his discussions I think that there was probably some misunderstanding with the Legislature maybe misleading to the