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and cool today, probably for the next five years, as Health Chair, is going to sit here and have frowns on his brow because we're going to come back every year and fix on this. We know that's going to happen. But we're making a commitment that we're going to go to centralized child support collection and disbursement. How that's going to be done, I assume we'll see Senator Brown, next year, with a bill to do a little fine-tuning, maybe others. But this morning I just want to...I'm going to leave the amendment up for just a little bit. I see a couple of lights on. But I...I do think that it's important for the Legislature to keep its hands involved with who the actual operation, whether it's an entity or an individual or a company, that we have some ultimate control over who that is and the direction we want to go. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Brown, followed by Senators Baker and Janssen.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I believe that...that it is important that the Legislature stay involved in the process. But there is not absolute unanimity in the body as to what that answer is, or we would probably have moved forward with a more complete piece of legislation this year, if we had been able to resolve it. But I do think that we need to stay involved. But we also have to provide...provide for the agency and the administration to do their job, which is to make sure that they can move forward with this process. We have made the policy decision. We have said, yes, there will be centralized collection. And, with the adoption...and with this bill, when we pass it on Final Reading, if we choose to, then we will have made the decision that we have centralized collection, and we will be working in concert with the federal government to continue to improve our process for the collection of child support. But we have an obligation, I think, also, in addition to staying involved and making sure that our policy is as good as possible, we have an obligation to work with the administration to make sure that they have the opportunity to do the job that they're set out to do. And I really feel that we have in place a process with the way that LB 637 exists now, which starts us off in that direction. I believe that there are a lot of issues that still have to be resolved. It was clear,