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we had to pass this legislation that we would centralize all this stuff so that we wouldn't be fined, because we wouldn't be able to reach the...the deadline. And now we're not going to reach the deadline and we're going to get fined, I understand \$3 million. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. That's next year, it doesn't show up this year, but it is next year.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Next year, okay. Is there any way that the agency sees that they will...I mean we're giving them now a million six hundred ten in the next two years, and they're still not going to reach their...the limit or the goal that they have set, and that we're still going to get fined?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's what we understand. Just a little clarification. We got the letter about a week ago Wednesday, or it's not even a week ago yet, it was last Wednesday we received a letter that this was going to be happening.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Well, that...do you know...is it...what is the explanation from the department about this? What...why do they say they can't meet this deadline?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I'll let Senator Brown talk about it in greater detail. The...the brief explanation is the fact that this is a federal mandate. They have changed the design or the...some of the system as we've gone along, and so what's happened we have systems that aren't compatible, and that's difficult to do. And supposedly it was just realized, a "few weeks ago", that they were not going to be ready by this fall, which was the original plan, and it might be as much as a year before they will be, that they're going to have to start with the system, start building from the bottom up on the system all over again. I will defer some of this to Senator Brown, because she's worked in this area, especially in the child support area.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Senator Brown, could you tell me some more about what is really going on over there and...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown, would you yield?