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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...I'd appreciate that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I may let Senator Brown add to this, but once again, it's on that issue. This is actually a sanction, the \$1.6 million or the \$1.3 million is, I guess, of the...we went...we've gone through all the frustrations that you might imagine as this hit us. And remember, this was before we got the letter, which came last week, saying we were not going to make it this year. And so it's one of those things like N-FOCUS was, as the county automation program was years ago, we're into it so far we can't stop. I mean we can't go back, it's a federal mandate that we have these...have CHARTS to interface with JUSTICE. And...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Microphone malfunction) and Human Services?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I would assume it's Health and Human Services. I can't see how it could be laid on us. We've allocated the money that's necessary to do it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Kristensen, Senator Wehrbein. Further debate on the committee amendments, Senator Baker, followed by Senator Don Pederson, Beutler, Dwite Pedersen, Wehrbein, Brown, Bohlke, Brashear. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. It's amazing how the discussion has moved to the CHARTS funding over there. I think I have some answers. I have a letter from Jeff Elliott, Finance and Support and HHS, stating that we have spent \$54 million on CHARTS so far, that's not all state money. Roughly one-third of it is state money. It was brought to my attention, well several statements. We're going to be sanctioned next year \$3.5 million times two, as I understand it. We're in the second year of the sanction. It's not the problem of the Legislature, it's the problem of HHS. We had the State Disbursement Unit up and ready to go. The State Treasurer said all of a sudden it was pointed out, in the same letter we all are talking about, HHS doesn't have CHARTS ready to go, have postponed it one year. My bet is, I believe with Senator