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plan to vote no on this, and hope that you would as well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. On the Baker amendment, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I, too, share the frustration that Senator Baker and Senator Kristensen...and, as I said, the...our committee has gone through this since late January, when we recognized that we were going to have the initial, actually the initial sanction, let alone the one that we just discovered about ten days ago. And it's the dilemma we've had on N-FOCUS and others over the years, that taking money away just exacerbates the problem rather than solves it. And it's one of those things that I think we've learned on. We've committed...started the ITC, the Information Technology Committee, to look over these things so we have benchmarks and those kinds of things. We have some programs that are going along that we are rather proud of and some of the latest ones that we've allowed to proceed, I'm thinking of retirement and some others that are going to have some computerization, advanced technology. And this one is one that has languished, if you will, apparently, and I think there's many reasons. And we always want to look for the problem areas. We've tried that, we've gone through all those various areas of pain that one suffers when you have a setback. But I do not think either that taking more money out of the sanction is going to be the solution. We've got to keep moving forward in doing this, and it's one of the things that big brother, in this case the feds, I think, have exacerbated it, too. But the solution is not to stop now, we're simply going to have to get it to work, because it's a huge program. The accuracy is critical, it has to be done right. We don't dare go on line halfway. And so I will oppose the amendment also.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Members, I, too, a lot of my fears have been appeased here. Senator Kristensen's letter that we had hand-delivered to us at noon answered a lot of questions. I commend Chris Peterson for that. I need to