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recommendations directly to us. They are going to make an annual report of their activities to us. They're also going to hire consultants, if necessary, to do that. Now there is a provision in there that there has to be a vote out of 7 of the 10 commissioners to do so, and it has to be funded by the Legislature. I think that that's an important part of implementing the SDU correctly. It provides a forum so when people are disgruntled, if there is a group, instead of coming to their legislators, the place to go is this working group of stakeholders. They are going to be able to address the problems and concerns. The bill does some other things. I want to touch on those quickly. It deals with bad checks, insufficient fund checks. It says that the SDU can collect a fee limited only to the actual cost, so it's not a \$50 fee per bad check. It would be actual cost only. The other is that they're going to be...if you have two insufficient fund checks within six months, the way the committee amendment is drafted is that they are then going to be required to pay in guaranteed funds. What are guaranteed funds? Cash, certified check, postal money order, those sorts of things. The green copy had only after one insufficient fund check, so this is a change there. There also, from the green copy of LB 972, there is an expansion of the duties of the Customer Service Unit. That Customer Service Unit, it's going to take in account information addressing customer inquiries. They are going to administer two statewide phone systems. The green copy of the bill just had one. It expands and doubles that number for people to be able to call in. There's also a technical change. We right now have a Support Payment Cash Fund. As you all know that the cash fund really is a form of making an appropriation. What this does is convert it over to a distributed fund, and this distribution fund allows for pass-throughs. So when you take someone else's money, it's like a trust account. I don't think that's a particularly difficult concept. Those are the committee amendments and the changes as I best can outline them. I'm sure that Senator Brashear would be more eloquent in his delivery of it, but in my way...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...this the nuts and bolts of what the committee amendment does. I would be happy to answer any questions. If there are members of the Judiciary Committee who