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money. And then in our bill that we're talking about right now, we have the...we have it designated or set out that Title IV-D establishes a Customer Service Unit. These are clearly two separate entities. If you read the statute, it is so obvious that these two are separate entities, and further nowhere in there does it say that the Treasurer couldn't have further accountability for the call center. We can do that. But what HHS and other people will have you believe is that somehow we...they have to be next door to each other, the call center and the SDU. I mean I can't believe that the call center is going to, when they get a call from Mr. Smith about, excuse me, Mrs. Smith about where is my child support payment, there are not going to run next door to the SDU and rifle through a bunch of checks. They are going to get on their computer and they are going to say, well, yeah, we received a check from Mr. Smith, his employer yesterday. It will be going out today. I don't understand, and this has never been explained to me, this amendment has been on file for two months. HHS never had a problem with this as such. I've talked to Chris Peterson and some others and they are very nice, and I'm sure they're very busy, this centralized child support thing is a huge endeavor to set up, and they never...they expressed some concerns, but they never said this was unworkable. Only, you know, at ten to twelve today am I hearing that we have some problem. Well, I'm not trying to be an obstructionist. I'm simply trying to further what we've done this session. We passed LB 1348, which helped the economic situation that's going on in rural counties, and we passed LB 936. Both things, I think, are very helpful. All I'm trying to do is start some jobs in the rural part of the state. If Senator Kristensen or Senator Brown, you know, it's easy to get up here and say, well, you know there is no accountability then if the call center is 50 miles away or 60 miles away...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...from Lancaster County or Douglas County, wherever it would be, but they haven't said why. And I think the people in the rural counties can answer the phone and look at a computer screen just like people in Lancaster County can do. I mean nobody has demonstrated why is this a problem. They just said, well, we can't do it. We're so concentrating on why