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that I think I should share with the members of the Legislature right at this time, if I haven't already in passing, that we have developed a number of task forces that call for the expenditures of...expenses and milage for the members. Now, that's fine. That's good. But we've also had a number of small A bills that had to be introduced in order to cover that, because we had no preparations in our Legislative Council budget for those amounts. This is a continuation of that. So what I'm planning to do in the preparation of the next biennial budget for the Legislative Council is to create a fund and put some money in it to cover these sorts of things, so when the body of the Legislature does in fact create a task force, a commission, a committee, that we would have the resources available, set aside in our budget, so we wouldn't have to continually be on the alert that we had the money to cover for those sorts of things. It's just something that we have a growing tendency to do, and I think that we could prepare better for it. But at this point in time, I think it's important that we add the Kristensen amendment to LB 972A. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. President, I'd ask that my particular amendment be withdrawn and refiled behind Senator Brown's amendment. I think it will mechanically work better.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment will be withdrawn and refiled. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Brown would move to amend with AM3120. (Legislative Journal page 1558.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. AM3120 is primarily a technical amendment. The federal match was included on the amount that we put forward to cover bad checks. And that match rate...the federal government is willing to support many aspects, almost all the aspects of our child support collection. They aren't willing to pick up the cost of bad checks. And so that reimbursement rate could not follow that amount of money.