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would urge the adoption of AM1022. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. You've heard the closing. The question before us is the adoption of AM1022 to AM0863. All in favor please signify by voting aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays on the adoption of Senator Quandahl's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Okay. We are on the committee amendments to the bill. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in opposition to the committee amendments in this bill. It's not that I'm against change, but I do have some major concerns with the legislation. And I do understand that the amendment now does make this process into a pilot project, but I do not feel that now is the time to be disrupting some of our major agencies. We're talking about the possibility of centralizing 93 agencies, which I think is an awesome task, and I think that we are seriously underestimating the amount and the type of mail received by state agencies, and I believe trying to centralize all of these receipts and deposits is much more complicated than most people realize. There are also many hidden costs in this change, and I will try and give some examples later. I don't believe it's been pointed out how much money will this save. There isn't really a fiscal note that addresses this issue. There are also few guidelines in the bill. It's written very broadly. Yes, currently, the State Treasurer has taken over the child support payment program and I do say that they...would like to commend them because they have done a very good job, but this is an entirely different process in the fact that we are dealing with only one type of payments and receipts, dealing only with one subject. What is proposed in this bill is looking at 93 different agencies and trying to