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CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Any discussion of the advancement of LB 117? Senator Brown, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 117 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. With the amendment, I think we have before us a plan that will allow us to examine this. I understand that people have issues about biting off too much for us to chew, and some issues about who is doing this. And I will reiterate that having gone through the whole process about child support, if there's anyone that should have some of those issues, it should be me. And I have absolute confidence in our ability to technically do this. And I think that we will be able to save the state money. I was just sharing that the university is paying for this process to be done privately by a bank; \$25,000 for the...just for the contract, and then a per check amount. They have estimated that if most of their check handling functions were done through a centralized system that they could reassign 13 individuals. That is just for the university. And they don't get a lot of different kinds of money through checks. Before Select File, I will have more information for all of you about what we're talking about, if we're talking about just one day's additional interest. But I believe that the committee worked very hard. I worked with some of the agencies to try to come up with an amendment and a process that would give us the right amount of information, would make it workable, but would allow us to proceed even in the face of what is some legitimate institutional resistance. And so I would just urge you to have faith in what we have already proven that we can do in this state with the centralized collection of child support, that we are one-fifth the cost of any other state, that we were able to save \$600,000 of General Fund, \$1.2 million of federal funds, just because we can do this in-house within the state so well. And I would urge the advancement of LB 117.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brown. You've heard the closing. The question then is the advancement of LB 117 to