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don't know that that's even the direction we're going and there's all kind of time involved here to redo this. So, with that, I'd ask for your support of my amendment and be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown, on the Baker amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will support the amend...the Baker amendment. We are going to need to do the customer service piece, however we determine we're going to move forward with centralized collection. But it...there is some merit in waiting till after the study is done about how we're going to do this to truly assess what the cost is going to be, and we will have an opportunity mid-biennium to deal with this particular issue at a point in time when we will have more information, so I support the Baker amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Baker, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, and I'm glad Senator Brown agrees that we...we will have to address this. It's just a question of whether we're going to use people. I have serious doubts whether 14 people, and Senator Bohlke and I brought this up repeatedly in the debate on the bill, I believe Douglas County has 30 people handling this. I know Hall County has six full-time people handling this, and for the state to say they're going to take it over and do it with 14 people with an automated system of some sort, I don't buy that. So I think that this needs to be taken out. We will work on this later. It's an ongoing works in progress. So, with that, I'd urge support of my amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is the adoption of Amendment 1885 to LB 637A. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Baker's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.