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the one presenting the warrant has an account or not. That has posed no particular problem on its own. The other bill, LB 306, which will be folded into LB 217, deals with the work of the State Treasurer. And the statute that would be involved with LB 306 is 77-2301. I'm making these comments for the sake of the record. The Treasurer is allowed or authorized to deal with all of the funds that are in the state treasury. Banks, whether federally chartered, state chartered, are allowed to seek whatever portion of those funds on account that the Treasurer has for deposit in their respective institutions. Again, a condition to being able to have these state funds on deposit would be the requirement that no warrant being presented would require the payment of a fee by the payee in order to have it cashed. And there is no requirement that the payee have an account with that bank. Some problems have arisen with the requirement by some banks that you put a thumbprint on a warrant. I have had complaints about this from others, but a series of complaints from my own staff member. Because I had written a complaint about it to support her position to the bank and to the Comptroller of the Currency, I won't go into all of those details at this point. But I used to cash my warrant at one of the stellar banks in Lincoln. I had done it for years. In the past, I've had those certificates of deposit. But as times get tighter, Senator Redfield, there is a little less ability, on occasion, to tie up an amount of money for the period of time that's necessary for one of those certificates of deposit. Everybody in that bank knew me, not just from newspapers and things like that, but from having been in the bank. I was told when I went there on a day, by a very shamefaced clerk, I can't cash your check without a thumbprint. And I refused to give it. And I said, I realize that you're just doing your job, so you get no problem from me. And the clerk seemed very relieved. I called the president of the bank. And because this is not by way of scandalizing his name, I'm not going to give it, but to show that problems have arisen. In my discussion with him, I said, this puts everybody who presents a state warrant in the position of being suspected of having stolen the check. He said, so? I said, then you don't mind everybody being treated as though they're criminals? He said, well, that's tough...or words to that effect. I said, so you're not willing to have a set of circumstances where you're dealing with a warrant, you know that there's money behind it, you know