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carrying out their own rules and regulations. Specifically a small school district forwarded the Social Security payment as they are so ordered to do to the state Department of Social Security. The rules and regulations say the payment shall be mailed in time to arrive at the department by the tenth. The overnight mail service which is customary, did not function. The payment was mailed on the ninth. It did not arrive on the tenth and they promptly got notice that the penalty had been levied because the payment was late, notwithstanding the fact that it was the mail, not the writer of the check, not the little school board. It was the U.S. government mule who was responsible for this late delivery. The fact that this department would assess that levy even though the envelope was clearly marked, postmarked on the ninth, adequate time to arrive according to their rules and regulations, smacks strongly of a kind of bureaucracy we all detest. I don't know how you stop this sort of thing. The individual submitting his next check did not include the penalty and pointed out the fact that he had mailed it in sufficient time and that the mails were responsible, not he. Now you would think normally any nice agency of the Nebraska state government would say, well that is fine. That was an oversight on our part. If you mailed it promptly, in time to arrive, certainly we will accept that explanation. Well, that is what you might think, but the lady in the department called this particular school board member, demanding that he forward immediately the penalty. Being a little bit reluctant to be penalized for something that he had no control over, he inquired as to what would happen if he did not and was promptly told that if he did not the money refunded to the county would be cut off. Now you think the federal government has got bureaucracy? You have got a chunk of it here that smacks to high heaven and I don't know how you shut them down. I preferably would like to withdraw all funding and let the department go ahead and sit there and rot with the same compassion and thoughtful consideration that they are giving to the citizens of this state under their own rules and regulations. I have since conversed with Senator Warner on the issue. We cannot eliminate the department because it is a federal department. It is ordered by the federal government. Senator Warner's creation of this amendment was to alleviate some cost to the state under this department but I want you to know and I want you to know explicitly, that when we create these laws and give these people the power of rule and regulation and penalty, that this is the kind of performance we frequently get and I hope we will be reluctant in the future to authorize any penalty,