

back, you'll see how important it is. There will be people popping up when the long debate and the effort to get into the bill itself arises, I'll wager that you are going to hear people saying why is this bill on General File if this much work needed to be...Select File if this much work needed to be done on it. Why don't they have answers? Why do we hear one reason given for the necessity of delay and then a different reason given? Senator Higgins, I'm going to try to clarify something that you and I have been discussing. I'm going to ask Senator Hoagland a question to see if he will assist. Is Senator Hoagland still here? Senator Hoagland, is September 1, 1986 a date that was mandated by the federal government as the date that had to be put into this law as the effective date, as we find in this committee amendment?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, October 1 is the mandatory date, Senator Chambers. We are allowing 30 days here to be absolutely sure it is up and running.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if my amendment is adopted then my amendment gives the date that the federal government has mandated.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: And then we have absolutely no response time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that is not...I'm not asking for...I'm asking you, as the Chairman of the committee, to give some specific information to the body. The date in my amendment is the date that the federal government gave. Is that correct or is it not?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: That is the absolute deadline for having the system fully operational.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then if I altered that date, you are saying that if the date that I have up there were accepted then we would be past the deadline?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, depending on...you know, probably. We would probably be 24 hours past the deadline. I don't know. I'd have to check the regulations. But I don't think there is any point in taking a risk. Why not give us at least 30 days, the month of September of next year, to...