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ADC bill, we're going to do all the other things and next session believe you me, we're going to get tough with those guys. We're going to jerk the rug out, we're going to pull the roof down and they know darned well we won't do it. Because the same gentlemen are going to be back here next year and they're going to beat us down, they're going to argue against it. And you're going to have welfare problems. You're going to have broken homes forever and ever.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, you have one minute to close.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President. The point I want to make is this these children know, these children know when their parents and their father does not care enough for them to support them. It affects their entire emotional outlook and we precipitate and we propogate future problems for the family, for the child, for the mother, for the father and for society in general. Gentlemen, ladies, you can do with this bill what you wish, it's not...it is not.... it is not that I have that personal concern about whether I win or lose on a bill, you know that. The personal concern I have here is for those children. There has been no better alternative and I ask you to vote against, to vote against Senator Fellman's kill motion until we have a better alternative..

CLERK: We have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move the previous question, signed, Senator Barnett.

PRESIDENT: Previous question has been called. Does the Chair see 5 hands? Okay, the question is shall the debate now close? If you are in favor of closing debate, vote aye. If not, vote no. This is a motion to close debate. Thank you. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays.

PRESIDENT: The debate will not close. Senator Fellman will close on his motion to indefinitely postpone LB957. Senator Fellman is now closing.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President, I want to be very brief because everything has been said here, a dozen times. The only arguments that have been made is that there is a terrible problem and something should be done. I agree with that. Now, if you want to pass this bill, fine. I have made my case about as clearly as I know how to make a case. I feel after Senator Schmit's speech like I walked into Bellwood, Nebraska, as the big city lawyer from Omaha to try to try a jury case. And I'd know better. I'd hire Senator Schmit's brother-in-law or one of his kids or somebody to represent my client in Bellwood before I went into any court room there. I refuse, though, to go along with any of the emotional arguments that have been made regardless of how well meaning how....I'll apologize for all of the innuendo that everybody was giving political speeches. I would go even farther, I don't think you even made a good political speech because in order to make a good political speech, you've got to have your facts correct. Under this bill, if this things gets passed, there is an automatic suspension when the records show you haven't paid your child support. You can get a 30-day delay, then the district court has to suspend it. You're