

require such orders, and LB 345 clarifies this assignment process. LB 345 also clarifies that such assignments may be continuing in nature if there are still arrearages when Aid to Dependent Children payments have ceased. Once again, LB 345 is essentially a bill that clarifies current child support enforcement procedures in an attempt to make collection of child support a more orderly and swift process. It does this by incorporating into Nebraska law recent changes in federal law and by redefining the application process for nonwelfare cases in those sections dealing with the assignment process. I ask that you advance LB 345 to E & R Initial as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson. Senator Nichol, do you yield?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Nichol, I have just a couple of questions of you with respect to this bill. One of the things that is of interest to me is the fact that individuals may now, under the bill, individuals who are not welfare recipients, and by not being welfare recipients I assume that they have some assets and some money, may use the services of our County Attorney to establish paternity and in addition to collect child support, and that when they use the services of the County Attorney that means they are using tax supported services.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, but it does also mean that they get 75 percent federal money to pay for those services.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, so....(interruption).

SENATOR NICHOL: Which they have been doing, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, so that means simply that the cost to the County Attorney's office will in effect be defrayed out of federal income tax dollars, I take it.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well, 75 percent of it would be.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay. Now, secondly, there is no provision in this bill or in comparable legislation that would require the appointment of someone to represent a delinquent parent who is hailed before the court for a contempt action because he has not paid...I am going to use "he" because it is almost always a man, because he has not paid his child support.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes.