

want to for the poor misguided father but I know something about supporting children and I know that it isn't easy for two people to support a family. It isn't easy for an ex-husband to pay child support, but it is doubly difficult for the mother of those children who has the responsibility, who has the day to day care, who has to sometimes go out and find a job and it is just as tough for that mother to find a job as it is for the father to find a job, and yet she has to find a babysitter, find transportation, pacify the boss and everything else and support those children. The one thing that Senator Johnson doesn't touch upon is who feeds the children if the ex-husband can't. Well, if the mother can't feed them, then you and I feed them, the county feeds them. Now I ask you, where should the responsibility be? If we adopt Senator Johnson's amendment, there will be the greatest exodus from the court of those individuals who are now paying child support that you have seen since we enacted these first bills more than six years ago. I suggest to you that there will be no one, there is no reason for anyone to pay child support if you adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And it will not take very long for the word to get around. I could also touch upon the fact that this might be a slight conflict of interest, Senator Johnson, because it does provide work for the attorneys but I know that is not your motive for doing it. You are just looking out for the rights of the individual, but think about the individual child who deserves and needs to be supported and is not being supported. I ask for unanimous defeat of this almost ridiculous proposal, Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking to the Johnson amendment to LB 345, Senator Newell. Senator Newell, do you wish to have the floor?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator...Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question if I could.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Johnson, I am going to admit right off that I don't fully understand this whole issue,