

the same set of figures. We ought to be able to compare between Douglas County, Lancaster County and Butler County without having to go through statistics to do it. The point I want to make is this, that Douglas County is way, way behind in the collection of their child support. If you assess this fee as has been suggested by the Public Health Committee and as I believe the Chief Justice understood it, it is assumed that the bill is unconstitutional. That was the first time that I ever sat in the committee hearing and heard the Chief Justice say, we think it is unconstitutional but go ahead and pass it anyway. Usually it is the other way around. The point I want to make here is this, that the people who are most directly involved, number one, the children and the wife, the spouse, are left holding the bag. Now someone says that Douglas County is going to lose \$180,000 if we don't pass this piece of trash as suggested by the federal government this legislative session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Let me tell you that five years ago we refused to pass a similar piece of garbage mandated by the federal government in the area of pesticide control and we have saved the federal government \$2 million by not having passed it and we have a superior bill. The Nebraska child support collection laws are the most efficient and effective in the nation if they are enforced. The facts are that at the present time it takes a combination of the clerk of the court, the county attorney and the district judge to enforce them. If you have a single weak link enforcement does not take place. We are not requiring the law to be enforced. We should look at that first before we pass any more laws which will not be enforced, Senator Cullan, which have not been enforced in the past and which will be completely ignored once this Legislature packs up and goes back home. So I will offer an amendment on Select File after discussing this at greater length with members of the committee. But I ask you if you will read the material I have given you, ask Douglas County, Lancaster County and your own home county how they handle the situation and come back better prepared to vote on LB 7 than you are today.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. Senator VonMinden.

SENATOR VONMINDEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. I don't know how many senators in here know that there is no uniformity in our state law pertaining to ADC across with the states. I don't know how many senators know that in the State of Iowa