

This is the part that I think is important. Collections increase. Since they split these two offices in Douglas County collections have risen from around \$48,000 a month last year to more than \$400,000 collected in October this year. Now this is taken, I presume, from the World Herald that Senator Schmit put out. So what we are saying to you is, if we don't pass this bill we are not going to be able to keep that staff and we are not going to have the child support enforcement law and there is going to be millions of dollars a year that we are not going to collect in child support, just for spouses who have children that are not on ADC. So if we don't collect it the next step is they are going to go on ADC and if you just want to talk about this past year let me ask you this. If I told you I would give you \$3,103,700 if you would give me a \$180,000, would you take it? Well that is what it was last year. But this year alone or in October alone they collected \$400,000 in child support payment on children who are not on ADC and next year if the federal government or next month decides that they have ended up with egg on their face with this stupid 10% fee, if they wipe it out, we can wipe it out too because the way the amendment is written is it is going to conform to federal regulations. If the federal regulation does away with the 10% fee then it is automatically done away with the Nebraska. And I admit, I said it at the hearing yesterday, if a man or woman isn't going to pay child support how are you going to get the 10% fee so it doesn't even make sense and I think the federal government has realized now that it doesn't make sense. Let's at least for the time being, conform to the federal government regulations and keep that money coming in here so that we don't have those people going on ADC who are now paying child support thanks to this federal program that is 75% funded.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Senators.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. I'm sorry there is already some...in order that we have to take up before we take up your motion. So I will recognize first of all, Senator Schmit. Senator Haberman, we will get back to you. Senator Schmit, you have the floor.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,