

I would like to give my reason if I could for asking for a division of the question. May I proceed? Very well. As I said earlier and as I testified before the Public Health and Welfare Committee, I have no objection. I support Senator Labeledz's motion entirely. I think it is in line with good common sense. It is in line with good dollars and cents reasoning if nothing else if you want to forget all sense of social responsibility. I support that amendment. I think it should pass. Number two, I oppose the second amendment. Now Senator Higgins has said that we should not take the risk of losing that hundred and eighty thousand dollars of federal money. If necessary we need to pass a bad law because the federal government passed a stupid law but, ladies and gentlemen, we do enough foolish things legislatively anyway unknowingly. Again, I do not condemn the Congress for having acted in haste in an attempt to satisfy the President to provide for a 10% collection fee but I will tell you right now and if you will pick up the material I gave you I can assure you that they will never ever enforce that portion of the law. It is being suggested, it is being recommended that they ignore it. So the Nebraska Legislature will be, since we are in special session, have the dubious honor of having taken an action which is absolutely, totally on the face of it, unconstitutional, and which cannot be enforced and will not be enforced and which the Chief Justice said they would not enforce. Now we have been told that the reason Douglas County is so far behind in the collection of their child support is because they are overworked and do not have enough manpower. Well this provision requires the clerks of the court to begin to record that 10% collection fee each month. That provides additional work for the clerks of the court. They already can't take care of the work they have got. Why add another responsibility to it when they are not taking care of the ones they have? And we can argue here all day about how much money is outstanding. The \$3 million that was collected in Douglas County last year represents a portion of a little over seven and a half million dollars of delinquency child support collected statewide. Now we all know that the vast majority of that, because of the population of Douglas County, is collected in Douglas County or should be. But Douglas County does not collect the majority of that. It is collected statewide. The point I have been trying to make since 1975 B.H., before Higgins, is that we are not getting this job done. We are not getting it done so we add another stupid piece of legislation because somebody else was foolish. Now I am saying, I don't claim to be an expert on any area of the law but if there is anything that I know a little bit about it is the child