

we fail to pass a piece of foolish legislation to correspond with the foolish legislation passed by the federal government. I pointed out also that in the past Nebraska has defied the federal government and we have had a better law. We have had a lower cost law and we have had a better program. And I predict that the day will come when the federal government will attempt to get out of some of this monkey business. As Senator Chambers pointed out yesterday in his testimony, the Reagan administration has argued long and eloquently about getting off our back. They are coming to Nebraska and telling us what kind of a law we need to pass when if you will check with any state in the nation, any federal government regulator, any federal government official responsible for the collection of child support, he will tell you that the Nebraska statutes are superior to any. In all fairness to the Chief Justice, instead of bemoaning the fact that he is going to lose a million, six hundred thousand bucks he ought to direct his District Court judges to get off their horse and on the bench and collect the child support. A truck driver friend of mine last week, I got a call from his boss. He said, "Get down to the City-County Building and bail him out of jail. He has got to have a \$50 cash bond because he had an overweight problem with his truck." He ignored the...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...He ignored paying the fine and he very foolishly came out to ADM and they dragged him out of the truck and took him down to jail and firmly deposited him there until someone made the \$50 bond. Now if you follow that kind of procedure with this other situation you wouldn't need to worry. According to Nebraska law, if the law is followed you cannot possibly be more than thirty days behind on the payment of child support. I am going to ask you again, I would hope you would hold up this amendment because at the present time it makes no sense. The Nebraska Legislature will be embarrassed. It is not going to be the first time but I am warning you in advance, you just as well spare yourself the embarrassment of enacting a law because an eloquent Chief Justice said we are going to lose a million, six. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I ask you not to advance this portion of the committee amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely. We have only heard one person on this. I don't think you would want to cut it off yet. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Schmit and I both agree on child support, right, Senator Schmit? We discussed this the other night in your office and we both agreed that we have