

impact in my individual situation, not on the entire citizenry and the integrity of the Legislature itself. I never thought the day would come when I would see a Chief Justice before a legislative committee say, "Enact a law that is unconstitutional for money." There was another bill some years ago that Congress wanted to compel the states to enact. It had to do with putting a helmet on people's heads when they ride motorcycles and I successfully fought to get rid of that telling the members of the Legislature that there are other states who don't want helmet laws. Among them were California, Illinois and the big states, so if it were a matter involving only Nebraska then you could see the federal government popping a little pointy head state like this aside the head with a ruler and saying, "Get in line." But as long as the big states and a number of them did not want to be encumbered in that fashion, Nebraska was safe hiding under their coattails so I was able to shepherd Nebraska legislators under the coattails of the other states. The helmet law was not enacted or if it was, we repealed it and no funds were withheld. This provision is even worse than that because you could have discussions about personal rights on the helmet bill but this one is patently unconstitutional. So I can see no justification for the Legislature enacting it. One other point, I have heard Senator Hefner, I wish I could imitate him, say, "We've got to get the government off the backs of the people," and everybody around here when Reagan got elected were saying that and I tried to make the point before the committee yesterday. Well if you want the government off your back, don't let the man who said he is going to take the government off your back put more of the government on it and if he tries, then all you have to do is tell him that he persuaded you during his campaign and his honeymoon that the government ought to be off the state's back and based on his persuasiveness, you are not going to knuckle under this time. Since we have an unconstitutional measure I don't see any reason in the world for this Legislature to enact it. So, let us take a chance. Let us salvage the integrity of the Nebraska judiciary. Let us save the judge from himself. Let us save the Legislature from falling into a pit which may be difficult to extricate itself from. I am opposed to this measure and I am very much in favor of people paying child support. I pay child support. The children are mine. They are my obligation and responsibility. If I don't pay, I should go to jail. That is what jails are for, human beings. And I would hold the key to my cell. I don't pay child support to stay out of jail. I pay because I am concerned for my children but if I weren't concerned enough for them, there ought