

Or do we have to come back and increase the total amount by 10 percent? I don't think there is any way in the world that you can assess, if an ex-husband is supposed to pay a hundred dollars a month child support, that we can tack on retroactively another 10 percent. It is unconstitutional. It won't work. The first time it was tried someone will go to court and you will foul up the entire procedure. Now I understand what you are trying to do, but it cannot be done this way. And I have said many times on this floor the area of child support is complicated at the very best and at the worst it is a total mess. But Nebraska has the best child support collection laws on the books of any state in the nation, bar none. And the federal government has, based upon some of the worst instances, enacted a statute which applies to all of the states and in Nebraska it is going to make a mess of the existing statutes. I am saying that you should drop the portion that has to do with the assessment of the 10 percent collection fee. I am trying to tell you... I am begging you to read the law. I know darn well most of you have not. You have mostly for the most part decided to proceed blindly full throttle over the cliff and when you hit the bottom of the chasm, you are going to wonder what the hell happened to you, and it is going to be too late. I would suggest perhaps as Senator Cullan suggested yesterday that if you don't adopt this amendment, that the very least you do is to put a termination date upon this bill as of next January or February to wipe the mess off the books and then you can take another look at it...if you are really afraid you are going to lose some money. I don't think you are going to lose any money. You are adopting an unconstitutional bill. You are going to create havoc where you already have chaos. You are going to add mess upon mess. The public does not know what you have got. You don't know what you have got, and the press has not told anyone what you have got. I would have to almost say that deliberately we have covered up the major portion of LB 7 from the public eye. When you read a two-column headline that refers time and again to the \$200,000 of money that is being spent on ADC and you ignore, totally ignore the millions of uncollected child support, it is deceptive and deliberately so. Well, ladies and gentlemen, when the chickens come home to roost, you will no longer be able to hide from the facts, the record is going to be clear, the transcript is here for all to read, and I would hope that next January or February when you read the transcript, you are not any more embarrassed than I am forecasting you will be. I am suggesting that we do not pass the bill with the 10 percent collection fee involved in it, and I think that you will agree with me in time to come. Mr. President, I rest.