

can increase that amount by 10 percent without going through the court, the judicial process. Nor can they decrease the amount by 10 percent that goes to the child without going through the court process. If that be true, God help us. The absolute foolishness of what we are doing is so bad, is absolutely so bad that it defies belief. If I were standing up here on this floor trying to argue for an appropriation with that same kind of an argument, I would be laughed out of the room. The Speaker would not even entertain the motion. He would call the guys in the white jackets and haul me away, and maybe I should because I am talking this for 10 years. But I think I am to child support what others in this body think they are to water or to prison reform or something else. And I know a little bit about what I speak. And I just....Senator Warner said, don't use the argument that time will prove me right because he said that hasn't gone over very well this session. I wish he would have told me that ahead of time. Senator Higgins said because of the federal law, we are beginning to collect this money. Now my good friend, Senator Higgins, Mr. Tesar also mentioned because of the statutes enacted by this Legislature we are getting some compliance because the Judiciary has all of a sudden said, we are going to get our knuckles rapped, especially in some areas like...that are critical like salaries if we continue to ignore the collection of child support. The federal government has tried to address the problem wholesale again as always for the 50 states....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ....when Nebraska is leaps and bounds ahead of the other 49. This Legislature is so far ahead of the feds that there is no comparison. So what you are doing if you reject this amendment is you are saying we will go along with the federal government, we have been bamboozled and buffaloes and we are going to buy it. If by the grace of God and the federal government you collect \$30 million, the feds are entitled to \$3 million of it, and you are going to be concerned about that. Ladies and gentlemen, I am giving you the opportunity to do the reasonable thing, the correct thing, and I hope you will. I ask you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, Senator Schmit was closing. The question then before the House is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to LB 7. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Only two are excused, Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, do you wish to Call the.... let it go? All right, record the vote.