

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, we did hear this bill in Judiciary Committee. Since it's a mix of really three bills, and LB 527 was one bill that I struggled with here, particularly because of the fiscal note. And as we originally were told 180,000, when we come down to our budget this year, and each and every one of us have to make our priorities, and this is a bill that I could see by the testimony that for originally the 180,000, and then the matching federal money, and in collection of child support, and we were given the estimated figure of around \$7 million that through this efforts that the state may collect. So I guess that I thought well we'll spend a nickel and hopefully we get a dollar back. But I do support this bill, and I know that it will cause...there are...there is some opposition, the noncustodial parents and so on. And I do have a problem with the 30 days only, you could be on vacation, or you could have illness, and there's many, many things that could cause you to be delinquent. But again it's our children that are suffering. Seems like there's many ways to get around it. So I guess when you weigh the pros and the cons, and hopefully the fiscal note could be reduced to a certain extent, that we would get a considerable amount back that needs to be collected, better than what we're doing right now. So I do support it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Is there anyone else who wishes to be recognized on this amendment to the amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Smith?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, Madam President, I would like to again go over a little bit of the information that I've provided, and maybe provide a little bit different kinds of information that I had on the first time around. This amendment to my 1178 amendment, which is LB 527, is being offered to basically do away with \$180,000 General Fund budget request that was attached to LB 527. LB 527 was prepared by the Department of Social Services to enable them to meet program standards in child support enforcement established by the federal government. Some of the most important provisions are those adding medical support to our current child support statutes. The department's been trying to get the health insurance provisions of LB 527 passed for the last three years. Current law requires county attorneys, and authorized attorneys, though the department contracts to do child support work to establish and enforce child support. Federal law includes medical support, employment related health insurance under support. But our county