

they've been very good at helping. And I think that if we can make that a little bit easier for these people to collect this, it will certainly help this. And it will also help us lower some of our ADC payments, perhaps. I guess I do have one more question, Senator Schellpeper. In your letter that you passed out, which was very informative, you said we would lose \$7 million in federal funds. Would that be for each year, if we don't adopt something like this?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, it is. It's 7 million for each year.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. And I would certainly encourage the rest of the...my colleagues to support this important bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Now recognize Senator Schmit. Okay. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Hefner, I might respond to your question why there was opposition. And this was from primarily the noncustodial parents. And, truly, it's very difficult, a lot of them try very, very hard. And by law and so on we cannot mix visitation with lack of child support payments. It's hard for me not to accept that. But that is the facts. And so many of them, the noncustodial parents truly love those kids just as much as any of us possibly can. In fact you can see the tears coming down their eyes, and I don't think it's put on either. So in my heart I have a real mixed emotion on a bill like this. And you know, none of us are perfect, and each and every circumstance is different. And they see this in the Title IV cases then. Let's go back to Senator Schellpeper's or the gun legislation, well you get your foot in the door, and it just multiplies. We had a bill a couple of years ago, LB 805, I believe, brought to us from the Social Service Department. And it simply just went too far. I'm glad that this is modified. In other words, if a person was late and that one went even so far as to put it in the newspaper, well could you see how embarrassing that would be to go...a child going to school and seeing my dad's name in the newspaper, that he may be behind on child support payments. And we all have certain instances where we, you know, you get sick or you get injured and so on. So...but primarily that was the group and the opposition. And in the bottom of my heart I feel real...I feel bad for that group, too. It's...you know, it works both ways. And then how do they know that this child support money is being spent on the