

in terms of lien priority ahead of the child support lien or behind it. And this piece of the bill would say quite clearly that the child support lien comes after the purchase money mortgage and that will facilitate lenders giving money to these people, encouraging them to buy real estate which also in the cycle of things is beneficial to people who are interested in collecting child support because when your assets are tied up in real estate, that's a sure way of being sure that child support is paid than if the assets are in some liquid form that can be easily secreted. So as this bill proceeds to...there will not be any amendments from myself to the bill on General File. As we approach Select File, however, there is another bill required by the federal government dealing with child support referees that we must deal with and which we will amend into 715 with your approval. Also on Select File, there will be two or three amendments that I would like to present to you that will further make the case of the noncustodial parent in a way that I think is acceptable to the federal government and hopefully acceptable to those who are interested vitally in the collection of child support, amendments I think that will give, that will start making this whole scene a little more balanced. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would stop and invite questions and comment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I'll now recognize Senator Kristensen followed by Senator Schmit. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, Senator Beutler, if I could just ask you some questions so I think that the body will understand where we're coming from here. This is a major change in Nebraska law. Currently the legal system deals with modifications of child support. In other words, if someone feels as a custodial parent of the one who has the children that they want an increase in money because the other side is earning more or there is some change in circumstances because the children have increased health needs, you go to court and you have to show a material change in circumstances. Normally with someone who is self-employed, let's say Senator Rogers whose income...well, I'm sure Senator Rogers' income every year is high, but let's say one year it's high, the next year it's low. As a self-employed person you look through the long term and their income may vary one year high, may vary one year low but you kind of average that together and you look at those and they may not just isolate on one particular pay period or one particular tax year for