

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...exactly what each provision, how each provision is required. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Schmit, do you wish to be recognized again?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Beutler, did anyone provide you or anyone else with the information as to how many tens of millions or hundreds of millions of dollars of uncollected child support are due and owing in the State of Nebraska today? Do you have any idea?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The last figure I saw, Senator Schmit, indicated they were collecting about 50 percent of the child support that was due and owing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Which leaves how much on the books as due and owed to the custodial parent? Do you know?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't have a dollar figure. I could probably get that for you. Let me check with the social services people.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If you would please sometime. Is there any provision that we can make in this bill, as Senator Kristensen alluded to, to require those who can pay to pay? I mean, should not there be an income level where the individual could not just utilize the Social Services Department services?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schmit, I agree with that philosophy. However, in exploring that before, during the time of the hearing and around the time of the hearing with people, it's quite clear that as far as the federal regulations are concerned, all IV-D cases have to be covered and all IV-D cases means those, what I call dollar down cases that are non-ADC but who want to participate in the program. To my knowledge there is no way to, under federal guidelines, to separate those two kinds of cases.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator. That kind of philosophy is what has resulted in a three and a half trillion dollar federal debt and thank God that we cannot go into debt here in the State of Nebraska. I just have a comment or two that I would like to