

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to do it. At the present time we can't even control 4,000 foster children. How in the world are they ever going to control tens of thousands of children under this kind of a circumstance? We're asking for trouble.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, even though I did vote to move this bill out of committee, I somewhat am like Senator Schmit. When you, as I referred to earlier this morning, I'm not sure in my mind that we need this bill and I always the same thing. How much federal are they going to try to push down our neck for again? I...my problem is, and all due respect to social services and social service workers, but I'm not at all comfortable in turning over something like this so important to families to maybe an experienced or an inexperienced Social Service worker or a worker that is entirely overworked, maybe burned out, and does not necessarily understand all of the family situations and I will guarantee you that that happens and happens many times. Also sometimes the custodial parent which is usually the women occasionally our income does increase once in a while and the noncustodial parent income may have been reduced considerably, either for one reason or another. And I, in my own mind, and I'm not sure how I'm going to vote on this bill yet. I am troubled by turning this much power over, so to speak, to another agency or as a mentor in this particular case to adjust child support payments either up or down. And I don't have the answer in my own mind but I do have a lot of questions.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, again, I just want to say this. Many of the costs that are associated with education today are a result of the problem we have with broken homes and the failure of those children to be properly cared for, not necessarily to the fault of the custodial parent as I said. There are so many problems that develop and my hat is off to these single parents who really struggle to make the system work and many of them do an excellent job. Again, not all of us have the same amount of qualifications, not all of us have the same amount of resources. Many of us do not have the same amount of family support. All of those factors make a major