

20 percent, and let the kid go without the support. Is there anything, do you see anything valid about that concern?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I don't think it gives them any bigger inducement to do that than is already present because if you fail to make your child support payment and it becomes delinquent for one month, all of the other enforcement provisions in the statute come into place, and if we pass 457 we're going to have automatic income withholding. We would have the standard process that's available to the county attorney is to bring a contempt action with all of the attendant problems, the attorneys' fees that would be involved for the obligor. It does not...the interest rate in my assessment has never been an incentive to pay your child support. The true incentive to pay your child support have been the other enforcement mechanisms that we have in place.

SENATOR SMITH: I'm glad to hear you give me that as a reason because I have to respond to this person and because he also then goes on to say that what happens if the mother does not get her child support, then she is forced to take out a loan and has to pay the higher interest rate because of that loan that she had to take out.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: In actuality, I would suggest that this creates some incentive, if you will, when you become in arrears of your child support to make the payments because with these very high interest rates it is possible to get yourself into kind of a black hole situation where you just cannot get out because of the interest rate that is being charged on your delinquent child support.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Would anyone else care to speak to the Lindsay amendment to LB 457? Seeing no one, Senator Wickersham, would you like to close?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I'll waive closing.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Wickersham waives closing. We'll now proceed to vote on the amendment to LB 457. All in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator