

because of their failure to prosecute for the payment and nonpayment of child support, yet here we are adding again an additional responsibility. We're going to spend millions of dollars. The federal government's going to start that program off. Eventually the entire cost will be transferred to the state and the \$7 million of federal funds that we are supposedly going to lose this year will become minuscule in two or three or five years when Senator Scotty Moore and the Appropriations Committee will have to budget that entire cost. It would not be so bad if it would accomplish something, but the facts are that it will not accomplish anything worthwhile. I would suggest that the entire bill ought to be killed. We ought to challenge the federal government to come in here and try to, in effect, exercise sanctions upon this state and then I would hope that we would put the pressure upon the local county attorneys to point out why they have not carried out the law as is mandated today. I have some time left. If Senator Beutler would like to comment on my time, Mr. President, I would let him do so, or Senator Moore, because it's not my intention to impugn the integrity of these...this Legislature nor Senator Beutler, but I just want to call your attention to this, and I intend to withdraw the motion after that time.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Beutler, would you like to?

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Well, Mr. Speaker, Senator Schmit correctly anticipated that I would like to comment on it. I don't think there has been any change in the tenor of the discussion throughout the debate on this particular issue. I partially agree with Senator Schmit that if I were doing a child support system in accordance strictly to my own judgment, I would not do some of the things that the federal government is doing, and I, too, feel resentful at some of the procedures being insisted upon by the federal government. But the fact of the matter is you either do it the way the federal government says you should do it or you lose the money, and there's absolutely no doubt in my mind that the \$7 million that we're getting, or thereabouts, will be yanked if we do not proceed to enact procedural legislation in accordance with the federal regulations, and that's all we're doing. Senator Kristensen went over this bill, you may recall, on Select File. He, too, was offended by some of the provisions. We made some changes that were arguably...would still leave the bill in accordance with federal procedure and bring it back a little ways anyway to more to our traditional ways of doing things, but I think he, too,