

payments. Well, unfortunately this is a violation of federal law. And to put this...Nebraska's law in compliance with federal law this amendment is necessary. If we don't do it we're going to be putting at risk millions of dollars of federal administrative grants to the Nebraska Department of Labor. In addition it would also result in the employers of Nebraska being liable for increased federal unemployment taxes to the tune of about \$226 million. So we do need this amendment to the bill. I won't speak for Senator Abboud, but he has told me privately that he was in support of it, so I would ask your support for the amendment and then obviously the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. I might point out that this bill has already been returned for specific amendment. For discussion on the amendment, Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Madam President. As I stated last time this piece of legislation came up and we did have a discussion about Senator Hudkins' amendment, I stated I was supportive of the amendment. It was something that we did need to enact this year in order to continue to receive federal funding. And I did support the bill out of committee and I believe it is good public policy for this state. I would urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Beutler, on the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hudkins, I wanted to ask whether they had clarified whether...I think the question had been posed earlier whether spousal support, as opposed to just child support, was possible since other agencies of the federal government require us to collect spousal support from various funds. Has that been clarified at all, or is it just absolutely determined that child support is the only thing that can be involved?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Beutler, to my understanding it is only child support.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And that's been explored and everybody is certain that that's right, huh?

SENATOR HUDKINS: To the best of my knowledge.