

individuals whose circumstances have changed and can't pay the court-ordered child support anymore, for them to get into the courts and have that changed without having to go through hiring an attorney, because that situation exists out there, and those are not the individuals we are after. The individuals we are after are those that have the money, but for some personal reason are not taking on their responsibility and paying. So I think we have an amendment that will address that to some extent. Again, I think the important thing, and as we look at the states that have done this, very few licenses are actually revoked, it is the threat that forces them to come in, either pay up their child support or set up a payment plan that they can live with. And the amendment coming, Senator Dierks, one of the parts that I'm going to do is that it's reported back to us how many licenses are revoked because if we see a great number of licenses being revoked this legislation is not working.

SENATOR DIERKS: I guess the problem I've got is...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...why we have to do this in the first place because it looks to me like the courts are the ones that are at fault in not enforcing the law. There's...I know several cases where in this...and we talked about, I talked about a minute ago, this one in Holt County court, one of these...three of these fathers within the period of a week, who said they didn't have the money to pay their child support, were taken...said, all right, go spend your time in jail, and they fished the money out of their pocket before they got to jail and paid the deal, you see. So I think it...I wonder if it isn't something that could be handled in the court system and by the judges, if they're strict enough, rather than going to this...to this extent of taking a man's professional license, or a woman's professional license. I think that's really extreme. I even wonder if it's constitutional, I wonder if you can do that. But evidently...is that what this map shows, places where they're able to take licenses away?

SENATOR DAY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR DIERKS: Holy mackerel, that's pretty tough! Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler.