

visitation rights, just as we have employed public resources to assist the custodial parents in collecting their child support. So I hope we can start out by adopting the Day amendment, get visitation in some sort of reasonable perspective probably of Select File. I'm sure the court system, if this amendment is adopted, will want to talk about some refinement of Senator Day's amendment,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...which would certainly be appropriate. But I think conceptually it's a better way to begin than the giant step that has been promoted for one reason or another by the Judiciary Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues. I want to respond to some of the remarks and kind of finish some of my conversation with Senator Dierks. But first of all, Senator Bohlke said something very important as we deal with this bill. And this amendment does deal with the visitation, but the committee amendment deals with child support, so I think it's important to look at this. As we deal with welfare reform on this floor, there's been lots of analcgies used on welfare reform. I have my own and it kind of comes from my mother who loves to put together jigsaw puzzles. I see LB 455, our welfare reform bill, as being the outside of a jigsaw puzzie. You know how you always find everything with the straight edges first, and you put the outline of the jigsaw puzzle together first. That's what I see in LB 455. To make it work we have to fill it in with some other legislation, and I think this legislation is an important piece of that. We put the responsibility on the women with welfare reform. We're telling them not to have another child during this two years, we're telling them to go to school, we're telling them to take job training. There is another side to this issue. They did not get there alone, and I think that's what we're attempting to do. Senator Dierks asked about the courts and why that isn't working. Right now they say there's \$248 million in back child support owed to the children of Nebraska. Now, I know our records are probably not the best so that may not be a real true amount. But what if it's half of that? That means \$124 million is owed to the children of Nebraska. If you even take a fourth of it, there's still \$62 million out there that is owed to children and families in