

enforceable and I would urge your support.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, Senator Day, would you yield to a couple questions?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Day.

SENATOR WITEK: Are these individuals that we will be confiscating licenses from the biological fathers, or are they fathers from divorce situations, both?

SENATOR DAY: It will be both.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay. And I guess at some point I would like you to address, and I know this is early on and it doesn't necessarily have to be on your amendment, but what I hear and what I...from noncustodial parents have brought up time and time again that the records in the State of Nebraska are a disaster, that we have attempted to claim monies off of some of the individual's tax statements erroneously. They have had credit ratings destroyed. We are attempting now to take away professional licenses, driver's licenses. If we do that erroneously is the state prepared to pay additional monies for going to court in these matters? I imagine that those individuals could go to court if we destroy their credit rating and their good standing in a community if we're...our records are inaccurate. So I guess these are all...when you're talking about saving money I guess these are all the things that I think about. And then finally I'm going to pass out an article that Mona Charen wrote on "Support Checks No Substitute for Dads" and I'd just like to read two of the paragraphs. It says, "Localities, states and the federal government now spend billions of dollars attempting to muscle fathers into supporting their children. The results are disappointing. Only about half of eligible women receive child support payments. Of those, the mean yearly allowance is \$2,252, It costs \$8,000 per year to support a child under the age of 5." I hope everybody up in the balcony hears how much that is. "If the man was never married to the mother of the kid, it is extremely difficult to make him pay. While 77 percent of divorced mothers received payments in 1989, only 24 percent of never-married mothers did receive child support. The amount was far lower than that for any other group of mothers. Child support checks are no substitute for fathers.