

support ought to be collected and the state ought to do whatever it can to collect child support, and I stand by that comment that the state ought to be doing what they can to do that. But, in doing so, we shouldn't leave the other side of that so far behind that effectively visitation is ignored, because I think that is where we're going. We're taking another step in that direction. We're separating and we have separated in the past visitation and support obligations. And my fear is that we reduce parenting to nothing more than a car payment or a house payment or simply a monetary obligation. I believe there is a heck of a lot more to parenting than writing a check or having the state withhold that check from your income tax refund. So, because of that, I did want to correct that. I do not believe the state has gone overboard, I'm saying let's hold on and let it catch up. I think, as Senator Chambers mentioned, the state can go overboard and there are studies in other states that tell you the state can go overboard and we do have to, at some point, take a look at it and figure out when we're doing that, when the amount we're spending on collection is vastly exceeding the amount of resources that are being spent on that. And I'm trying now to find some of the charts that...from some other states that have shown that to see.. to see how much each step that we've taken is increasing child support collections. And if it's not a dramatic increase, especially with the kind of resources that we're going to be putting into this bill, if it's not a dramatic increase, then is that a wise step? And I think we do have to look at that but did want to correct at least if I stated that, I...I correct myself on it. But, other than that, the amendment...this amendment is, I think, a good amendment and I will be voting in favor of it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Is there any further discussion on the Day amendment? Seeing none, Senator Day, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DAY: Madam Speaker and members, I just want to remind you what this does. It comes back and makes sure we know how many licenses have been revoked so we know whether this legislation is working or not. And it also gives an option for a noncustodial parent to be able to go through the child support referees to change their child support if their circumstances have changed. And I think we'll help prevent a lot of the problems that come up with the nonpayment of child support. So I would urge your support of this.