

weeks of waiting time before the custodial parent would actually get the support. There are those types of subjective calls that are made. You also have the situation, especially in terms of modification, where someone might have become disabled in the period from the time that the support was first set, it may have been set at 400 or \$500 a month and now that individual is disabled and only making 300 or \$400 a month in disability, and these cases occur. I handled one recently very similar to that. Those types of calls then have to be made as far as do we or do we not, or who do we want to make that type of subjective call. I guess the question is, if that type of call should not be made on visitation, then I think it probably shouldn't be made on child support either. If it should be made on child support, then it could be made on visitation. And it's a straight up, it's a policy question, as I mentioned, that we have to... I think this body should make as far as where we... where we think those decisions ought to be made. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions. I mentioned, I do have copies, anybody that wants a copy of the amendment itself, it's 57 pages long because it has to go through and insert the court in where the administrative hearings were. But the explanation is there before you, the copies are available here, please just help yourself to those. But if not, I'd be happy to answer any questions about the amendment and I would urge that this amendment be adopted.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Would like to recognize guests of the Legislature. We have 29 fourth graders from Lincoln Elementary School, in the south balcony, along with their teachers. We also have... Senator Day has 56 fourth graders from Bel Air Elementary and their teachers. Would you please all stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Senator Beutler, on the Lindsay amendment.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, this amendment evolved... involves tremendous changes. And it would upset the entire child support system as we now understand it, so it is not something you want to do. It's a 57-page amendment and it would... it would create a kind of crisis in the system and this bill simply wouldn't survive. But Senator Lindsay makes an important point. You know we started out 20 years ago developing a kind of bureaucracy designed to help people collect child support, part of that was our own thinking, part of it, frankly, was imposed upon us by the federal government. And both, with respect to indigent women and with