

the system of collecting child support?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I think I'm aware of some problems, I'm not sure if I'm aware of whatever problems you might have in mind.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would an approach such as Senator Lindsay is suggesting, and I'm not saying take what he has presented to us here, could an approach such as that rectify any of the problems that you perceive existing in the manner in which child support is collected? Or do you think there should just be a tinkering with the present system?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Offhand I can't think of problems that Senator Lindsay's approach would resolve, but it's just a matter that I haven't had much time to study, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Members of the Legislature, the number of pages is not the most significant thing about this amendment, because as Senator Lindsay pointed out, and I've leafed through it, most of the pages involved substituting court or whatever it is for Department of Social Services. It's substituting one word for another. And the new language is relatively limited, based on the size of the...the number of pages in the amendment. As to the philosophy behind the amendment or the reasons underlying it, they would require a bit of discussion and perhaps more explanation than Senator Lindsay was able to give during his opening. But these kind of bills are going to present a situation where many different points of view are going to be expressed. I probably made it too clear about how I feel with reference to LB 592, and that's one of the reasons the amendment that I offered earlier went down to defeat, but that's the way things happen here. I'm going to try it again, should the committee amendments be attached to 592. And there are other aspects of the bill which probably will have to be dealt with in smaller bites than I had thought maybe we could do. Senator Lindsay's amendment is one which I'm not certain as to how I feel about it just yet, but I'm not ready to reject the idea that he's talking about out of hand. And I think it brings us again to the issue that we talked about earlier, can there be some way to put child support collection on one side of the equal sign and visitation rights on the other and truly have an equation, or to have an equation, meaning that the thing on one side of the equal sign is the same as the thing on the other, we have to add to one, subtract something from the