

is too bad we have to even come to it here on the floor. But I know there is a world of hurt out there, and I'll try to say it again, I think that those children need to have the support of their fathers, and their mothers, if that is the case, but I question the way we are going about doing that. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Chambers, on the Lindsay amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Dierks, we were over here discussing it and there seems to be information to the effect that when a woman goes on aid, she assigns her...all of her child support, and if the child support is more than what she is getting, she would get the difference between what she is getting on aid and the amount that the child support exceeds it. So if she is getting \$250 in aid and her child support payments are \$300, she gets \$50 and the department takes the rest. So they do have a financial interest in this, and I guess that would encourage them to set the amount that is to be paid as high as they possibly could because this is probably one of the most money-grubbing agencies you can find. Right now I am in the process, so you all will know what I do on my lunch hour, and I did have a conference with one of my colleagues and a couple of people that she brought to me who have some good ideas. Clipping and pasting, and I am going to hand these around with you to show you the amount of money that DSS has been spending on consultants, and I am not even talking about Maximus yet. And one guy wound up going over to the Health Department after he flubbed up at DSS and he happened to be working in conjunction with the wife of the head of the Health Department, so she knew he was a dud. But she apparently recommended him and they hired him as a consultant at the Health Department, and gave him over \$200,000 for nobody knows what, and there are employees at the Health Department doing the very things that he was paid to do. They always say at DSS we don't have the manpower and we don't have the expertise. So if you get this bill passed and give them something else, they are going to hire additional consultants, so I am going to put an amendment to any A bill to add \$500,000 to pay the consultant, so they won't have to come in for a deficit appropriation. On Maximus, when it comes to reviewing programs that they have hired people to work on, the director has to say we have people who don't know what is happening, they don't understand these programs; then fire them. This, what they are telling us in these various agencies which hire all