

from getting on welfare. We hear time and time again, as we had hearings on welfare reform, that women come up and say they were unable to get any child support, they were unable to get any child support. This is a process that works. It has worked in other states. I can't tell you now much we are going to collect here. Everything is different in every state. I can give you figures, but they are not going to be the same in Nebraska as they are in other states. But every state has collected more child support. The money has gone mainly to the women and the children. If they are on ADC, yes, the money goes to the Department of Social Services to help pay back that money that they are getting through ADC. I don't understand because the Department of Social Services employees are not taking this money and pocketing it, it comes back to all taxpayers, and I think that's important. This is an extremely important issue for the women and children of Nebraska, and I think we need to deal with it. I understand the other side. I understand there is concern with visitation. That's why we add it on there and we tried to adjust it. Is it going to solve all the problems? Absolutely not. There is no way this is going to solve all the problems with visitation interference. Are we going to come up with anything that solves all the problems? I don't think so. But this is a start. This is some place we can start and we can deal with it. There are good things in this bill. We are allowing people a chance to get in and to get their child support changed without having to go through a lawyer and go through the expense of going to court, when they are already, obviously, having economic problems. There is lots of good points to this bill. I think we need to look at it. If you are opposed to the bill, I am more than willing to try and work things out with anybody that we can. But let's vote this up, and see where we stand on this. Again, I know people are saying it's with dollars amount, and dollars always come into anything but this really and truly is for the women and children of the State of Nebraska. There still is too much money. It is still the responsibility of that other parent to help financially with that child. If you don't pay your house payment, you lose your house. If you don't pay your car payment, your car is taken away. If you don't pay your electric bill, your electricity is shut off. If you don't pay you child support, not much happens to you. Now where are we putting our priorities? I don't want to get bogged down on the visitation. I want to do what we can and make a start with this on the bill, but don't lose what the general intent of this bill is. It is something we need, we need desperately to help make welfare reform work in this state,