

today 45 third through sixth grades from Elba Public School in Elba, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you all please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us today. Senator Witek, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman and members of the body, Senator Day, could I ask you a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Certainly.

SENATOR WITEK: Is there anything in law now that requires that when a mother receives a child support payment that it has to go to food, shelter, clothing?

SENATOR DAY: No.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay. So there is nothing in law to say that once she gets...

SENATOR DAY: I don't think so.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, I don't think there is either. Once she gets this cash, she can do whatever she wants with it?

SENATOR DAY: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay. In the definition of the original LB 592, it says support, in the definition of child support and spousal support means providing necessary shelter, food, clothing, care, medical support, medical attention, education expenses, or funeral expenses, so I assume you are assuming that is where this money is going to go or these mothers are going to put this money.

SENATOR DAY: I think that is the general assumption of where money goes for child support, yes.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, because as I am reading this fiscal note too on 592, the fiscal note is assuming that it will offset General Funds, and they give the amount that will...ADC and foster care, will offset those funds. It will offset federal funds from DSS, child support collections for nonpublic assistance cases is much higher. So they are anticipating that