

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I just had a couple questions I'd like to pose to Senator Day, if she'd be so willing to answer.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Certainly.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You did a study on this process during the summer, correct?

SENATOR DAY: There was a study conducted by the round table on welfare reform. There was a separate child support group that did a study on this, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right. I'd just like to ask you a couple questions about that. I missed part of the debate earlier so if some of this is repetitious I apologize, but it's a couple of questions I think I need to know. By the way, I do support what you're doing, but I just wanted some clarification on a couple items. In the study that was made, do you have any idea of what percentage of individuals with decent incomes and professional careers were not paying because they just didn't want to pay or was there any approach to that part of it?

SENATOR DAY: We've been unable to get...we haven't gotten figures on that from any state, no.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You don't have it from any place?

SENATOR DAY: No.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Was there any discussion about those who didn't want to pay because they were "flusterated" with the way the system had treated them in denying visitation and all those things, was that any part of the study at all?

SENATOR DAY: No, it was not. The study was very specific in what it looked at and from LB 1224 that we passed last year, it followed right down those lines. They did...the only remark they made in there was that visitation interference was definitely something that we needed to look into but they didn't feel that was in the scope of what they were supposed to do.