

cost to add another referee would be about, and this is just guesstimate figures, about \$50,000 a year. Now if they handle just child support that's a IV-D service and we do get federal money on that. If they are handling visitation interference that would all be state money.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, because the federals will not do anything on visitation, is that correct?

SENATOR DAY: That's correct. It's not a IV-D service.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, so any of the referees, any appeals to the referee on visitation would have to be paid for out of state dollars.

SENATOR DAY: Yes, it would.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. Is there any estimations as to how many referees we may need? You talked about one, but would one cover the entire state?

SENATOR DAY: There really is no estimation on how many we need. We were having the discussion on the side here a little while ago as how many will be needed because it sounds like a lot of counties don't even know they're available. The referees I talked to and the one that does all the rest of the state except Lancaster and Douglas County didn't feel this would put too much of an additional burden on her. So, no, I mean...you know it's something we're going to have to look at and see how many we need. It's hard to guess how many cases...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR DAY: ...there will be.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. And it's still your position that even though we're going to crack down, and again, I'm not opposed to the cracking down on those on...late on child support, I think that's something that needs to be done, but if on the other hand they are doing it because of the violation of visitation, in this bill there is really nothing that...they will lose their license if they want to hold on to that position that they should not have to pay until visitation is granted, that would be lost so they would have...if they didn't want to lose the license, they would have to pay and then hope later on