

asked me to pick up and carry on from this point, which I will try to do. I'm not as well grounded in this bill as she was, but I'm hopeful that I can answer your questions and that we can move ahead with what I think is a very excellent bill). As you know, the bill has to do with the payment of child support. It has to do with mechanisms to encourage, to further encourage the payment of child support. I don't think we need to repeat the fact that the collection of child support here and elsewhere in the country is abysmal. And we have over the last fifteen to twenty years continually updated and tried to improve the mechanisms and also the resources available to see that payment of child support is made by those who should make it and that the public, who replaces the parents, doesn't end up being the one paying the child support. And to that end we have now come through a whole number of changes and through a whole number of mechanisms including income tax intercepts and those types of things. And we've come to the point where some of the groups of people that we're having the most trouble with are people who have professional licenses and certainly it's some people who have drivers' licenses and to whom drivers' licenses are particularly important. And so with this bill, we are not requiring, but we are authorizing, basically, the authorities to look to the revocation of drivers' licenses and to look to the revocation of other kinds of professional and occupational licenses for the purpose of further encouraging, coercing, whatever word you want to use, getting people to pay their child support. This bill doesn't automatically take away licenses, driver's license or otherwise, it sets up a very elaborate process; it provides for a notice, it provides for opportunity for a hearing, it provides for the eventuality of possible mistakes, it provides all kinds of alternatives and leaves everything flexible and in terms mostly of may's and not shall's, honoring, I think, the experimental nature of these particular enforcement techniques. I think that perhaps it doesn't make sense to go through a lot of the process procedures unless there are particular individuals that are interested in the process, but simply to say that that's the central concept of the bill. And then as you will recall on General File, I believe, we added certain provisions to give the bill some balance in the sense that there was continual and heightened objection to further legislative support on the side of collecting child support when the Legislature continued to ignore...