

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, Senator.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, great. I guess my...I'm going to lay out a few of the policy questions and then on your time, perhaps, you could help us answer some of those. And I suppose the bottom line question comes in, if you're going to take licenses of all kind, and I, we listed those out all the way from nurses to state electrical board to surveyors to accountants to doctors to lawyers to a variety of licenses. Those licenses are needed for those people to earn money and maintain their profession and probably the child support was set based upon their earning capacity in that particular field or profession. If you take that license, what is the public policy then, you've eliminated their ability to earn the money to pay the child support obligation. And so I understand that it's a great hammer, but if you actually do swing the hammer and hit them with it, you've really done more to destroy the problem, and that if...and that's if it's an automatic sort of thing, even with our hearing process and so on. And if I remember the bill from last year, that could be remediated some way by if there was a payment plan, but that payment plan had to be approved by the county attorney or the Department of Social Services designated attorney and not the court. And the problem there is that you may get enforcement where there is personality conflicts or a real rub, or a county attorney who just plain wants to go out and make a name for themselves of taking professional licenses and in the very next county that may not occur. There's some very good county attorneys. There's also some chances for some abuse in that area to do that. I'm more comfortable, perhaps, with Senator Witek's approach of letting the court have the option of contempt power and the ability to take that professional license. The other policy question I have is, for example, in the legal profession, the Supreme Court constitutionally has the power to control licenses. I'd be interested, in your opinion, as what, what's the power of the Legislature to constitutionally infringe upon the power of the Supreme Court to regulate that license. And then the other policy question, I guess, we come down to is how long, and I'd like you to refresh the body, how long do you have to be in arrears before this kicks in. And I know that we had had a fairly short period of time. My recollection was that it got expanded because at least with the number of court clerks, the child support arrearage is, we've switched over to computers. I've spent a number of hours with my district court clerk trying