

will continue to listen and I...I'm not sure, I think I'll vote for Senator Witek's amendment. I still don't like LB 592. It's punitive and I don't think it comes to grips with all the problems that are there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the committee (sic), Senator Beutler, would you take me through an example of what your bill does. I don't pay my child support. And I hope my wife's not listening, but let's take that example that I've been, you know, I've been a bad guy and I haven't paid my child support. I want to find out just what's the difference between you and what Senator Witek's trying to do. Give us an example.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, let me, let me try to do this in as logical a fashion as I, as I can, Senator Robinson. But first of all, understand that this mechanism cannot be brought into play until you've not only not paid your child support for one month or two months or three months, but it has to be more than three months worth of child support. So this is not likely to be an accidental incident. In all probability, all common sense would indicate all practice in terms of what's been previously done by county attorney's office and child support referees, when you haven't paid for that period of time and there have been complaints, they will attempt to orally contact you. And they will try to find out why you haven't paid. And to my knowledge, all of the horror stories relating to child support have to do with people and children who are not supported and people who haven't been paid, and there are very few, if any, horror stories about noncustodial parents who have been forced to pay more than they could afford or forced to pay when they didn't owe. It doesn't happen that people are forced to pay when they don't owe. There are all kinds of legal mechanisms to protect you in that situation. And if your child support is thought to be too high, then you should be going back to the court to get your child support lowered. And there's a mechanism for doing that. But, Senator, I'm sorry, I'm not getting to your question, I hope you don't mind if I take just a little more time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, no, that's all right, that's fine.