

Beutler as I have a number of clients, and I think most do, who, for one reason or another, may lose their job, be it seasonal, be it layoffs, health reasons or whatever. They have no money, they can't afford to go back to court to get their child support lowered, so they enter into an agreement with the other spouse and say, look, I can't pay you, is it okay if I pay you this much, and the two of them, basically, enter into some agreement. Everyone of them will come back to me when that agreement breaks down, as they always do, because sooner or later somebody gets angry about one side or the other, and that agreement has just no validity because the court order still remains. And so even though the parties think that they were paying less, now we've got this huge arrearage because of either losing their job or health reasons, or whatever, and they don't have enough money to go back to their counsel to hire them to go in and lower their child support because they're trying to live hand-to-mouth the way it is. But it becomes a very difficult situation. And what we're doing here is allowing an administrative procedure to say we don't care about that, what we're going to look at is, are you in arrears or are you not? If you are,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...here's our opportunity to take the license. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I believe with my standing up and speaking on this amendment I think I've set a personal record here, three bills and I've spoken on all three of them so far in one day. I don't usually do that, and I will not be lengthy, as I normally am not. Yes, Senator Robinson, I'm changing my behavior. But I think this is an important issue, and I'm glad for a little levity in it because it becomes a heated, emotional issue for the noncustodial parent as well as for the custodial parent. I can understand the concerns of the custodial parent in having that support, to be able to provide for the children that they have the most direct responsibility for. I think we have to have some sensitivity, and in particular many of these cases where there are women who are not able to earn the kind of money on the jobs that they would be able to have to fully support those