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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Beutler, I have many letters in my file from constituents who are the noncustodial parent who are concerned about access to the courts and how they can get relief or reductions or have their case heard in the court. And to hire a lawyer and to go back to court is...is...gets to be quite expensive, in fact probably more than the child support itself. But in this document that you passed out of the flow-chart of LB 592, and you start out with the...the whole thing starts when your support payments are three months in arrears. Right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And then...and these...this is the flow-chart of the amended 592, correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Correct.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And then it either goes to pay everything all past due and current, to arrange a payment schedule. Who is the payment schedule arranged with?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It would be arranged with what they call the authorized attorney or the county attorney, whoever it was that was pressuring him, who had the legal authority to...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Is this attorney to attorney then? I mean does he have to hire an attorney to go to the attorney?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, no, not at all. He can deal directly with the attorney himself or herself.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. And then the third alternative is request administrative procedure hearing. Can you tell me, is this the access to the reduction or the correction or the justification for the noncustodial parent?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, in my understanding and let me describe it as just a kind of or a part of the access that's provided in the bill. I would like to direct your attention towards another part of the bill which I think will be...may be of what is the greatest interest to you. There are several