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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...but we've changed the law so that it's expedited just in the same manner that child support is.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Witek, to close on her amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam President, members of the body, I appreciate the discussion that we've had and the information that's being handed out, although it's not very thorough information, since we don't know right now whether any of these states that are above Nebraska are doing anything like what my amendment would do, or if...you know, what their...or anything at all. And to say that we need to be doing something about child support doesn't necessarily mean that we need to be putting in a new bureaucracy, and if you look at the fiscal note, spending a lot more money to begin addressing this problem because...or if any of the states beneath Nebraska have the type of bureaucratic approach that we are suggesting that is not working any more effectively. That's something that's very rarely discussed on the floor. So I guess, you know, those are all questions that I still have about the effectiveness of 592 or the...you know, people are promising that it will be effective or that it will make a difference. And talking about kids, you know, there's almost an implication here that if you don't vote for 592 that you're not for the children. I am definitely for the children, I have two of my own, and I understand...and I understand very much so that they are often in...caught in between a rock and a hard place in a lot of these divorce cases. There was a discussion yesterday on Rush Limbaugh, when I listened to it, that you probably didn't get a chance to on this...am I allowed to say that on the liberal floor of the Nebraska Legislature? That on this very incident that involved a woman...a man and woman involved in a divorce battle, and a judge who had ruled, made a, what seemingly would be a very difficult ruling, but when the judge came on to explain himself, made complete sense. And if you hear enough about these cases, you understand all the intricacies of these cases, which is why my amendment would make perfect sense, because these cases are so individualistic and they involve each individual family. And I am thinking of those children, and I'm thinking of subjecting that entire family to a huge bureaucracy that's going to further entangle them in this insanity that, you