

have them tell me how many licenses you've pulled, but whether the bill itself has been effective in increasing child support payments. And I see no reason why we couldn't adopt an amendment like this onto the bill. It's certainly not me who's increasing the bureaucracy and increasing the reporting mechanism. The bill itself is already asking for the reporting mechanism. We're asking for the Director of Social Services to issue us a yearly report on the number of professional and occupational licenses. What mine would be doing is just asking for another piece of information, a piece of information that not only tells us whether we've been effective in removing licenses, because that's not the purpose of this bill to me. It's not to go out and see how many licenses we can pull. The purpose of this bill, to me, is to see if we can increase the amount of child support that is being paid and try to free up some of the cost to the taxpayers who are now kind of picking up the tab for those individuals who are not paying child support. So that's what makes sense to me, and I hope that would make sense to you. And I would hope that you would vote for this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I'm having a really bad day. On the way down here I got in a car accident, then a bunch of change fell out of my pocket and fell down the back of my chair, and the media over here made fun of me for trying to dig it out. And now I have to stand up and support a Witek amendment. (Laughter.) So it's been rough. I actually think that when we look at this bill, it is driven, it is driven at least partially, or at least the thoughts of it come around from the...our drive for federal funds. How many times have we heard the reason or rationale for passing legislation on this floor being we're going to lose federal funds? We hear that quite often, at least in some of the Judiciary Committee bills. But how often do we go back and say, how much is it costing us to get those federal funds? What's it costing us to pick that up? And Senator Witek's amendment, I think, brings that to...brings that point directly out in front of the Legislature. It tells us what's it costing to administer this thing. And I think it's something we should know. And, yes, we have all these other mechanisms that Senator Beutler talked about that can determine these costs. We can utilize those mechanisms. We can utilize everything that he's talked about, but at least cut