

control disregarding court orders and the Governor makes not a peep. He is one of the most highly political, politicized individuals who has sat in that chair. When Mr. Leuenberger, his name comes before this body for confirmation, I intend to oppose it strenuously and I will have specifics that I will deal with. But, because this bill places so much authority, so many responsibilities in the hands of agency people who have shown themselves incapable of being fair, wise, and just that I believe what Senator Witek is offering ought to be done. I have circulated an article, which I think by now may be on everybody's desk and I'm going to read it. I clip these things as they come out, and it is dated the 20th of October, 1995. From the Omaha World Herald, page 15. The headline is, "Letters Sent By Mistake", it is an A.P. article. "A computer snafu was blamed Thursday for about 7,500 letters with incorrect information being mailed to people behind on child support..."

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...payments in Nebraska. The letter was sent by the Nebraska Department of Social Services and contained inaccurate information about the amount owed by the recipients and incorrect names of the child support recipients. A computer printing program randomly matched incorrect first and second pages in the letter, causing the errors, said Don Leuenberger, Director of the Department of Social Services. This is the same program that has printed the letter for many years and this has never happened, Leuenberger said. It's very unfortunate. The letters informed people that their state income tax refund could be garnished if they were behind more than \$150 on child support. New letters will be mailed next week, Leuenberger said. "Seven thousand, five hundred incorrect letters based on what they call a computer "snafu", and you know where that word "snafu" comes from? Situation Normal, All Fouled Up, but in the Army that "F" was a four letter word, with an "e-d" on the end of it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I think that this amendment is neither necessary or good policy. Let me just set out for you the three reasons why I think this is the case. First of all, in this particular instance, with this particular set of procedures the possibility