

to explain to the child support collection people why the records are wrong, or why they have paid it and the record doesn't show that, or if they are sick or if they have been injured and their income is changed, why they can't pay it. They need to have an opportunity to do that and that is called "due process" and that is why you have the bureaucracy in the bill. And I am not for bureaucracy, but I think that the federal courts or our Supreme Court in our state would find the bill to be unconstitutional without some due process, so that is why that is in there. With due process and with the safeguards that are in the bill, I have to ask, who are you supporting here? Are you supporting the children who need the money, the parent who is trying to take care of the kids and has responsibility for feeding them, clothing them, getting them to school, getting them medical care, or not? I mean, I feel sorry for the noncustodial parent who can't make the payments,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...if they are acting in good faith and have had some hard luck. But I can tell you, from child support enforcement that I have been involved with, those factors will be taken into consideration. If the people who owe the support and give the attention to the notices they receive to advise the child support collection people why the payments aren't being made or what the error is, I mean I think you need to know that that will happen. I just think we need to move ahead and try to enforce the support collection and enhance the percentage that we are able to collect and this will be, just the publicity of this will be a big factor in these support payments being brought current by some people that are able to do it and have ignored it in the past. I would urge you to vote down the amendment and continue to consider supporting the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, to speak to the Chambers amendment to the Witek amendment to LB 592.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I just want to try to put another thing in perspective, if I may, and I'm sorry I am talking so much but it seems to me that there are good answers to so many of these fears that have been expressed on the floor and at least I want to give my version of what I think is a good answer. One of the arguments that... a very powerful argument is the argument that,