

get rid of many extraneous statutes, those which heap punishment on top of punishment without achieving any noticeable good in terms of the ultimate goal to be achieved. Senator Lindsay's amendment would prevent a necessity being placed on the director of the SS Department and the director of Motor Vehicles to keep track of the number of licenses suspended and revoked for the purpose of providing a report to the Legislature. Even though it does seem to be less than what a report to be meaningful ought to contain, I think I would like to have that information. I would like not to have to contact the director of the SS or the director of Motor Vehicles, request this information, and be told that it has not been maintained. Then give me a song and dance about how much time it's going to take and the other things they like to do when there's information they don't want to give or an individual to whom they would rather not give the information. At this point I haven't made up my mind how I will vote on his amendment. But since I've discussed his amendment, I'm going to say some things about the bill itself again. The Governor brought this bill. The Governor knew he was going to run for the U.S. Senate. We are in the year of politics and this is a political bill. Senator Beutler's approach seems to be that since it's desirable to have people pay their child support, anything the Legislature can do ought to be done. We ought to revoke their homeowner's insurance. We ought to call and make due their mortgage. Any loan they have, we should declare by law that it is due right now.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if a law like that seemed to violate an obligation of contract, then give the person a cause of action against the state. But they still would have...their mortgage still would have come due. This that we're doing with LB 592, in my opinion, is preposterous. And I'm going to continue to separate it from the question of whether or not child support should be paid because I think there is no dispute about that. I will not agree to any and every methodology some senators and the Governor brings to us to try to compel the collection of child support. But if you're going to do all of these things, then you ought to take away the power of the state to put somebody in jail for failure or even refusal to pay child support.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator