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that we don't have a clue of whether it's going to be effective or not, of who it's going to affect. And then some family who is out there...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...in the midst of a divorce and child support and all of this other bureaucratic insanity that they are subjected to, because they bothered to get married in some instances, this is what I hear from some of these guys who call me up, who are so furious about this, this bill. Those individuals are subjected to still this bureaucracy, referees in their life, for God sake. I mean, how would you like to be in the middle of this? And this is what you're doing with this amendment and with this bill. Think again. I hope you defeat the Beutler amendment and give me a straight up, honest vote on the Witek amendment. That's what I ask Senator Beutler and others for, was just a straight up, honest vote on my amendment. Do you want the bureaucracy, or do you want my amendment which leave it to the judge? All I wanted was an honest vote on that, that's what we've been trying to get to. People who have objections to this bill...it...Senator Beutler's amendment does nothing for any...addressing any of these concerns. Please read this fiscal note, read 592, look at what...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...you're doing to the families.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Let me tell you what I want to vote for and pass into law. I want to vote for a tool or a set of tools that will help the collection of child support. I want those tools to be reasonable, I want them to be sensitive and responsive, and I want them to be effective. And I have a darn tough time now figuring out, out of this pile of stuff I got on my desk, where those tools are and how they're to be used well. One of the decisions I got was whether or not revoking a drivers license or professional license is that kind of a tool. And I certainly conclude that with respect to the drivers' license, and I suppose to the professional license, those would be seriously motivating changes. I think that's an effective tool. I grant