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business of visitation, we got to think real carefully how we do it, because we sure screwed up on child support, we sure screwed up on child support over time. If we're going to embroil ourselves even more deeply into the domestic relationships of people who can't get along, we better do it very, very carefully, as opposed to a political sop that is ineffective to bring on the support of noncustodial parents who don't buy this bill anyway. Senator Beutler, I'll take away drivers' licenses, I'll take away professional licenses, I'll give the power to DSS to ask a judge to do that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll give it to either party in a divorce to ask a judge to do that. And I'll give the power to the judge to do that. All of that I'll do. I don't have to have a suit against the state for doing it wrongfully, I need somebody with discretion to pick the bonehead, deadbeat who's got the means and won't pay up. And that person I want to jump on their shoulders because we are picking up the tab for that person. We're...we are.... We will not get any benefit from going all this way down the line to somebody who's left, after their paycheck, with 150 bucks a month to live on. That dad isn't going to give up anymore money, and taking his drivers license away is just going to make his life more difficult and his ability to get a job more difficult. I'll take the drivers' license away, but I want it done in a discretionary fashion, based on the nature of the case itself. And of the two ways that we've got to do it right now, it looks to me like the Witek amendment more accurately captures that. There are some things I'd do to the Witek amendment, but I'd like a chance to vote on it. I think it's...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...better than 592 at this point.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, Senator Landis, we all want the same thing, we all want the same thing. And let me try to reiterate why I think going back to the contempt powers is ineffectual. And also remind everybody that simply because we're going to an administrative proceeding doesn't mean that a