

of that, most judges are exceedingly reluctant to take on the role of enforcer, or bill collector, or child support collector. And because of that reliance on the judicial process, or on the contempt powers, as Senator Beutler has referred to it correctly, has simply not been successful. This is a new approach to administratively, with numerous safeguards, bring the force of or the threat of license revocation to make people meet their obligations to their children. It's a very simple matter, it's a matter of who should pay for the support of children. I personally believe that parents should do that rather than the state or social programs, except in a safety net situation, and I think this is an adequate and advisable step forward to deal with it administratively rather than to rely on a system of utilization of contempt powers which has traditionally not been comfortable for the judiciary to impose. So I would urge support of the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR FIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to oppose the Beutler amendment. And I want to tell you that I have not spoken on 592 because I was in support of it. I do think and I thought that the balance between getting to the person who avoids paying their child support and some of the expense that we were footing in that bill balanced out. But I cannot support this amendment. I think it's unfair. I think it's a compromise made just to push something through, and often a compromise is the worst of both sides. And I think this amendment is that. This amendment says, okay, we're going to drop professional licenses, so attorneys, doctors, engineers, and of course it has the sponsorship of lawyers on the floor, they can avoid risking their professional licenses while truck drivers, couriers, and other blue collar workers dependent on vehicles have their professional licenses, so to speak, at risk. I think that we should scrap the Beutler amendment, look at the Witek amendment, see if that is the way you want to go, or go back to the original bill and forget this compromise, which I think is the worst of both.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Mr. President, members, I rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment with some reservation. I was one that early on spoke of this, and thought that it ought to be