

details come later, if they must? Because I'm telling you, if you defeat the Beutler amendment now, that is it for the bill. It is not a threat or anything, but just look at it that way because that is the way it is going to happen. If you want to kill the bill, you can defeat the amendment and that as a practical matter is what will happen and I just want you to be aware of what will happen. The Speaker has indicated that this will not be put on the agenda after today. I don't know if he can be talked into another half hour or an hour so we can get a cloture motion on something we have debated now for, I don't know how many hours, at least twelve or thirteen.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature. We have before us a very serious issue. It has become increasingly complex and entangled with matters that do not really relate directly to what we are talking about. If a goal stated simply is to find a way to encourage, entice, coerce, make people pay child support who have been ordered to pay child support and who refuse to pay it while being able to pay it, we have before us in Senator Witek's amendment a direct, clean way to do it. The reason we have this long involved amendment that Senator Beutler is offering, the reason we had a long bill that was so messed up that it had to be totally scrapped, is because it was a political issue and it is a political issue now. It is being framed in political terms. We are a legislature when we are enacting laws, supposedly on the campaign trail, what we do can be characterized any way, anybody chooses. But while we are here fashioning law we should get as clear a picture as we can of what it is we want to achieve. We should get a clear a picture as we can of how close we are at this point to achieving it. What things that we do will take us away from achieving that end, what things we do will bring us toward achieving it. The more steps and obstacles and people we involve in trying to achieve that end the less likelihood it is that we will reach it. We create the opportunity for arguments, disputes and contentious discussion of the kind we are having right now because what Senator Beutler is offering us will take us away from a simple direct way to solve the problem. I often tell people when they want to explain to me the kind of person that I am that they don't understand me because they over complicate me. When I use the word simple now, I mean it in the