

taking the license is not the only cohesive tool available to a judge. Maybe one of these people with a professional license would fear sitting in jail, more than losing that license. But, by threatening, by taking the license you have a way of bringing that person into court and then holding the two alternatives in which everyone seems to be most feared is the one that would be used to coerce this person to make his or her payment. All that can be done in one forum, in one proceeding. And by proceeding I don't mean they are not different hearings, but it is...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...before one judge.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you Senator Chambers. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I have not spoken on this bill and I happened to look at the fiscal note and I also look the bill on page 24, it says, "The Supreme Court shall appoint referees to serve more than one judicial district if the Supreme Court determines it is necessary." I don't... how many judicial districts do we have Senator Beutler, would you answer that question for me.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Twelve.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Twelve judicial districts. So we could have anywhere from eight to twelve referees, okay. It says to be qualified for a visitation referee the attorney must be in good standing admitted to the practice of law in the State of Nebraska. Let me ask you this. Why do they have to be attorneys? Why couldn't they be a mediator? We have got a state mediation group that works with the courts, why couldn't they...they are trained in mediation. Why does it have to be a lawyer? Senator Beutler, it is your bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Robinson, historically we went through a process where a number of different types of referee kinds of things were done by people who are not attorneys. People go back and forth on that, I don't think it necessarily has to be so. I think the theory is if you are an attorney you are trained in the law and if you are trained in the law then you