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SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, lets say round it off to \$70,000. We have got six of them and that is \$420,000 for all of that...what else, supplies, furniture, equipment, support staff, you are probably talking about another \$300,000. If I am wrong, I wish someone would correct me. But we are up around \$700,000. We have got this versus a situation where a judge could determine, where a judge could determine whether someone should have their license revoked or not. Is there...if we don't think the judges are doing the job, isn't there something we could do to push them to do their job in a better way? Let me ask you that question to Senator, is there some way...if we don't think the judges are taking a strong enough stance on this issue.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well Senator Robinson, the best example I can give to you is in the area of actually setting child support, that we didn't think child support was being uniformly administered. Now the court took their own initiative and set up a guideline and a standard so it is pretty mechanical now. You determine how much each side makes. You determine what they take cut and you have a set amount of child support by a chart and a guideline. You can do the same thing legislatively, but as you begin to narrow that, as you will find the more you try to dictate to one branch of government, they will find other ways to change it. But, we determine what the law is, the judges are supposed to carry out the law of the State of Nebraska. So if you want to make a different priority on child support, change the law. Make different enforcement, give them the power to take licenses, in my opinion, that is what you ought to do.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you very much. \$700,000 people. Just remember that. It has never been brought up.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: We are trying to cut property taxes and we have...I don't know how many bills we have in to cut property taxes, probably 25 or 30 now here we are going to raise...we have had a number of bills in Government Committee to increase property taxes. I don't think the committee is going to be very friendly towards those bills. So, I think you have got to look at \$700,000 on what it is going to do and is there another recourse to do the same thing. Thank you.