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circumstances for the purposes of either increasing or decreasing child support. I don't want to take up a ton of your time, so tell me to...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's okay. I...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...be quiet, but one of the biggest problems in the district court today is the flood of modifications; that when somebody's got a down year, they want to come back in and show the court, look, I've got lower...I made less money this year so my child support ought to be lower. Well, then the next year they make a lot of...they make more money and so the other spouse comes in and says, they ought to pay child support; and the courts are flooded with all these modifications of people coming in. And so, as a practical matter, what happens is what you start with is sort of, you know, that's the baseline then and...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...and that's the reason it's important not to play too many games with it but...and, quite frankly, for rural farm returns, most of the judges understand that that income can be manipulated much easier. In other words, you could hold grain while that divorce is going on so it doesn't show that you have any income that year, and then, as soon as the divorce is decided, that grain could get marketed, and most judges average those cases. I don't want to mislead you that they don't, but...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I've had a lot of complaints on that specific issue in rural, but the one I'm going to bring up was one that called me just this weekend or last week because, in this case, it was union dues. Apparently, when this child support was originally set, union dues were taken off and that became...were deducted. Now they are not deducted and he is showing a higher standard of living and, therefore, he's going back in and have his child support modified where he says, I have to be a union member to have a job. So, actually, I think these run over into some case, it's not just businesses, that we have this whole series of problems. And I do...I am beginning to think perhaps Senator Crosby's idea is right. Somehow we've