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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time, Senator. Thank you. Senator Wickersham on the Kristensen amendment to LB 612.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Mr. President, I find myself in anomalous positions this morning. I'm going to support the Kristensen amendment, but I think ultimately I'll oppose Senator Baker's bill. I understand that he is focusing on one particular issue with regard to child support and the determination of child support, but, essentially, those are judgments entered by the judge and, quite frankly, I'm...I'm uneasy putting in statute one particular consideration for the determination of an amount that is entered as a judgment. I understand that there's a bill in Judiciary that may take a broader view of this kind of an issue and, quite frankly, it is that broader view that I would appreciate seeing discussed rather than the very particular point of view that is in Senator Baker's bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Beutler on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Baker, if I could, just a couple more questions. And as I make comparisons in my mind, this is another troubling aspect to me. A farm is a kind of investment, one type of investment, and it involves depreciation. How is it, for purposes of child support, for example, how would it be essentially different than, let's say, my taking...wanting to take \$10,000 and put it in the stock market, borrow \$10,000 and put it in the stock market, or otherwise set aside money and then coming to the court and arguing, because this is a long-term investment for me, it should not be considered in my child support? How do you distinguish one kind of long-term investment versus another in terms of adjusting child support? In the sense that, yeah, there happens to be a mechanism called depreciation that pertains to certain kinds of long-term investments, but still isn't the principle the same, that you...that you ought not to be able to create and set aside long-term investment and argue that it should decrease your child support? I mean if I took 10 percent of my salary every year, every month and designated it for an investment fund and then said to the court, my child support should be lower because I had to put that 10 percent aside in this investment account,