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would happen...what their opinion would be as if, say, we do not accept this mandate and those funds are not coming in. Perhaps it would give us time to ask them, I know they're all opposed to it right now, but to ask them, how are you going to proceed with child support collections, if we do not accept these funds? And the crux of the whole thing is we still have to protect our women and children, that's what it's all about. But I want to make sure it's done, but I also want to make sure that we can afford to do it.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Engel, I think that most everyone here has that same agenda. Everyone who's on each side of this issue eventually wants us to do all that we can for the women and children. By moving it to Select, I think that we have a better assurance that as we work things out we're in a position to meet that goal. If we do the bracket, it could be very questionable that we could accomplish that with it on General File rather than Select.

SENATOR ENGEL: Of course in your comments, if we could continue just a little bit, in your comments we would have to totally rebuild the bill in some shape or form, because the amendment itself, all it does, it just does away with it in its entirety, the way I understand. And in my naivety, I guess, or however you pronounce that word, is it easier to rebuild a bill, or continue amending one we've already got on the floor?

SENATOR BOHLKE: And, Senator Engel, there are those people...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...who dislike the green copy so much that they would say, in order for this to pass, you're going to rebuild it. There would be other people who would say, you just need to make some changes on it. Trying to bring everyone together on that is the reason for this, and I think it gives an opportunity for those people who don't like anything in the green copy to look at what may be agreeable.

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, thank you for your comments. I yield the rest of my time.