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amendment deals with is found on page 28. It is Section 3, contained in lines 18 through 23. The language that I'm concerned about says, "and includes interest as provided by law." I will read the entire paragraph: Support shall mean the providing of necessary shelter, food, clothing, care, medical support, medical attention, education expenses, funeral expenses, or any other reasonable and necessary expenses...expense, and includes interest as provided by law. My understanding is that there are two other places in statute where a definition of support is found, and the language being added here today is contained in those sections. I don't know that the language ought to be in the definition at all. So, rather than tie the bill up at this stage trying to get this information as to why this language with reference to interest is included, my motion is to strike this language from the bill--Section 3 on page 28. By the time we consider this bill again on Select File, Senator Jensen's staff will have an opportunity to go to the federal regulations, pull out the other two places in statute where the definition exists. Then we can arrive at some resolution. Once this language is taken from the bill, the bill can move forward, although there's another portion of it that I want to say something about for the purpose of the record. To focus, however, on this one item, I won't discuss the other one at this point. I'm not sure that I think it's wise to allow interest to be added to the amount deducted from a person's wages. I think everybody ought to pay child support who has children and those children are not living with that person, provided they're of the appropriate age where child support is due under the law. I had to pay child support. I paid more than the court required. When I got my divorce, it was a very amiable affair, so amiable that people wonder why it occurred, but it's nobody's business as to why it occurred. But there is no way that some man or group of men will have to tell me that I need to take care of my children. But what I told my wife is that she ought to get something from the court, in terms of what I must pay, because men can go crazy and, in order that she would not have to reestablish anything, it's right there. The sword of Damocles is suspended above my head, and should I become a malefactor as far as paying my child support, snip that thread, let the sword fall and proper justice will have been done. I always paid more than what was required by the law