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strike "interest" as a part of the definition of "support."

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't know of other debts that exist in statute where we include, as a definition of that debt, interest, but I could be mistaken on that. I just am not aware of any off the top of my head. I'm aware that people who don't pay their support have been called deadbeats, they are virtual pariahs, some people deem them unclean. Maybe all of that is the case, but when we're enacting laws, I think the laws should be fair and reasonable, even when we're dealing with those that we consider to be worse than ourselves, not necessarily just because we're altruistic and noble, but we could wind up in that set of circumstances. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, we were happy to draw up the amendment that Senator Chambers has filed, however, I cannot support that and only from the standpoint that my business has been in real estate all of my life and, yes, I have had properties that I owned and managed, some apartments, some houses, and certainly we always had in there that if you didn't pay your rent on time there would be an interest charge attached to that. Here we're talking about support, support means that, in a divorce situation, if you don't pay that on time then the federal government says that we are allowed to charge interest. It doesn't say that we may, but you are allowed to charge interest on that late child support payment. And I think of the person who's receiving that, who doesn't get that support on time. Do they have to go out and borrow that money and they pay interest on it? And so it seems to me that it has always been an incentive to make your payments on time to avoid any additional cost, any additional interest that might be there, and just to encourage people to do that. I've never been involved personally in a divorce. I don't know what that would be like, but I've always prided myself on paying my bills on time. And certainly the credit card that I have, if I don't pay that bill