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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like, Mr. President, I would like Senator Brashear to answer that question, which he has agreed to answer.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And may I digress just briefly?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, answer it in the way that you feel is appropriate.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you. I was particularly pleased to hear that Senator Jensen was not going to, I think he said, die on his sword or fall on his sword so early in the session over this amendment, because it's going to be a long session. We're going to need you. Because I also rise in opposition to this amendment. But to specifically answer Senator Chambers' question, the reason is, is because I concur with Senator Chambers that this...the...with...the bill without the amendment would provide some implication that interest is mandatory, and here's how it works in actuality. The Supreme Court periodically establishes the rate based upon the federal government having established the rate, at which the court may, in its discretion, dependent upon the operative facts, order or not order that interest to be paid on delinquent child support. If the court order (inaudible) makes such an order, and I happen to have a sample such in an actual case, pulled off of some resource quickly, in my hand, and the order simply states delinquent support shall bear interest at the rate of 5.442 percent, 5.442 percent per annum from the time and in the manner provided by law. So if the court orders it, it is a part of child support. If the court doesn't order it, it isn't a part of child support, and that's a discretionary sanction which is...which resides with the trial court, based upon the facts and circumstances of each individual case. And for that reason I don't think it's necessary to have the "interest" language in this bill and I think we could avoid any confusion...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.