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that they are busy with. They don't really want to mess around with these kinds of fraud cases, but it's the only alternative right now to pursue fraud in cases involving ADC and child care subsidies. This bill would allow all three kinds of allegations to be pursued in one administrative hearing. What I'm told is, in many cases, a violator in the area of food stamps quite often is also committing fraud in ADC or in child care. The same evidence is produced in the different proceedings for the different allegations. This would streamline the process, and in the case of ADC and child care, decriminalize it, which I think everyone agrees would probably be a good idea. Now there is a negligible positive fiscal impact, but let me assure you, this is not a money saving bill, that's not the motivation for bringing this bill. And let me be very clear about this. I don't want anyone who qualifies for these programs to be bullied out of these programs. And I've been assured that that's not the case here, that's not the motivation. Now I do want to make it easier to get the cheaters out of the system because I don't want people who legitimately qualify for these programs to be shut out of them because there are others already using up resources who are doing it fraudulently. Those are the reasons that I brought the bill. I think we have a few possible amendments to discuss, but that finishes my opening. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Mr. Clerk, are there amendments?

CLERK: There are, Mr. President. First amendment is by Senator Beutler, AM0500. (Legislative Journal page 607.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM0500 to LB 234.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, the bill does provide for a disqualification hearing for certain types of intentional violations of the programs, and this is a good bill. Obviously, there should be such an administrative proceeding. When you find that somebody has, in fact, been determined to have intentionally violated the program, then it says you can disqualify them from getting benefits, and it says the disqualification period shall be for a first violation one