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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have amendments to the committee amendments. First, Senator Beutler. Senator, I have FA1644.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I'm going to try to keep this very short and focused. (Laughter) And I thank my colleague for doing something that he didn't need to do and he shouldn't have felt compelled to do, but it was very gracious, and thank you. With respect to this amendment, it discusses the child support section of the bill, which I would like to discuss with you at greater length, as I would like also to discuss with you the statutory rape portion of the bill. But I put this up there initially in the form of a floor amendment. And at this point in time, I want to withdraw that floor amendment, and wait for a more appropriate moment to discuss those two things with you, hopefully. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Erdman would move to amend the committee amendments, AM3496. (Legislative Journal page 1412.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. AM3496 is an amendment that clarifies the changes made in the section that Senator Beutler just referred to of child support, only applies to what I would call future orders, or only applies to...the changes made only apply to those that are entered into after the effective...or operative date of this act. This bill was never designed or written to be retroactive to any existing decrees that were out there. This language in AM3496 is a clarification of that intent. We believe that we could have built an intent record...or intent...legislative record, excuse me, that would outline that intent. However, I felt that it was appropriate to make sure that our law was