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The original intent...I believe the bill was LB 983--that was introduced four years ago--was just to allow minors to contract for necessities or services. After discussing that before the committee, the idea was, let's look at this in a global sense. And so the intent of what I have brought to the Legislature in LB 391 is the global view of where age of majority is written. And so that...there are issues that I believe strengthen the idea to make the change. But really, my intent was to look at it in a larger picture than just one or two issues.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And I agree with you about some of those issues, like the ability to sign a lease and do that kind of thing. But I'm just a little bit fearful that this broader approach is too broad and has, as Senator Bourne said, I believe, too many unanticipated consequences. So I'm going to listen and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and see. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Erdman, followed by Senators Bourne, Beutler, Wehrbein, Jensen, and Chambers. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The fiscal note that you have before you is on the green copy of LB 391. It does not actually encompass the committee amendment. I do have a revised fiscal note that I have here, and I will do my best to make sure that you see that. The discussion that I've had with Senator Schimek on child support I think is an important one, because I think most people probably don't have a full understanding of it unless you've gone through it, as well as understanding the ability of the courts to go beyond the age of majority currently. A lot of decrees are either written, to the age of 19 or age of majority, where there's no agreement, where there is disagreement, where there's agreement. Some decrees can go beyond that. And there are different provisions, and I believe I have the rules for child support from the Supreme Court that outline what exemptions could be allowed to extend child support beyond the