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LB 371

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I just want to speak towards that section of this amendment which reinstates the use of some of these procedures with respect to alimony. I am basically sympathetic to the notion of making stringent societal protections and societal retribution for parents who fail to carry out their obligations to their children. That does not extend I think to adding the force of this state to the carrying out of alimony decisions which are not in the best interests of the child but simply are a distribution of property between marital partners or expartners as the case may be. For that reason, I support the Judiciary Committee's incisions into the bill and cutting out references to alimony. Those should be separate considerations and we should be faced with policy choices on child support in LB 371. Towards that end, I oppose the amendment which is offered by Senator Labeledz because Senator Labeledz's amendment reinstates the term "or alimony" repeatedly into the bill. And for that reason, I can't support the amendment. I can support the idea of the restraining order but the way this is divided now, if I am voting for the Labeledz amendment, I am voting for reinstating the term "alimony" in what was purported to be to me at all times in discussions of this bill a child support protection act.

PRESIDENT: I believe that Senator Beutler wants to make a point here, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I do wish to clarify and should have clarified, Mr. President, that alimony is not a part of this amendment. Save that idea for a little bit later. This amendment has nothing to do with alimony. It only has to do with restraining order and the misdemeanor penalty.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, are we referring now to what appears on page 1155 in the Journal, which is an amendment to the standing committee amendments to strike lines 1 through 19?

PRESIDENT: No.

SENATOR LANDIS: Where then is the amendment....

PRESIDENT: I...(interruption).