

Nebraska that's not being paid, and they're responsible individuals that need to be paying that if they're able to. Also we pay over \$60 million a year to AFDC recipients who have child support owed to them. This legislation can be a preventative measure to help individuals not get onto welfare, and I think that's very important. And my answer to Senator Dierks is it's not working in the courts if there's that much money out there that's owed. And I think we need to do something and I think this is a method that's been proven to work in other states. Every state does it differently so to look at their figures is probably not completely fair. But I will tell you every state has seen an increase in their child support payments, some very, very dramatic increases in some states. So we have seen that it has worked and it is proven. I'd like to answer Senator Beutler on his difference, and the difference between child support and visitation. Where I come up with my idea and the statement that they are different, I do not want child support based on visitation rights, I do not want visitation rights based on the payment of child support. They are related because they deal with the children and that's very important. But that is what I refer to when I talk about a difference between the child support and the visitation, they each should stand on their own, they should be enforced on their own. There should be visitation for these children. There should not be interference and there should be payment of the child support. The important thing to remember is this legislation is for the benefit of the children of Nebraska, and I firmly believe this. This will put money back into their families that is due, that needs to be there, and I think it's a very important preventative measure on welfare. On the occupational and professional licenses, the U.S. Commission on Interstate gave a child support report to Congress. And I think one of the things they said was very interesting, they said it's ironic and inefficient for one arm of the government to license a person to earn money while another arm of the government is seeking money from that same person as a result of failing to honor an order. So I do support keeping professional and occupational license in there. It will be up to the body as to what...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR DAY: ...they want to do with that, but that can be a discussion that we have. I do believe this is an important piece of legislation. I think this amendment helps make it more