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SENATOR FELLMAN: Senator Lewis, I supported those ADC bills and I hate to say it but I think you don't know what you're talking about in relation to this bill. I like you and I respect you and I listen to your opinion.....

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in areas where you have knowledge but you haven't made sense in your discussions here. And these studies you're referring to are not comprehensive enough for this Body or any other body to give any great weight to.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let me just ask two or three simple questions that might focus the point. Is there a problem in ADC collections?

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman, do you care to respond? Now, let him respond, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR FELLMAN: In ADC collections? This has nothing to do with ADC collections?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: First of all, do we have a problem in child support collections?

SENATOR FELLMAN: Do you mean ADC or do you mean child support?

PRESIDENT: Child support.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Do you mean, is there a problem of people who don't pay child support?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR FELLMAN: To the question that I asked, yes, the answer is yes.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: All right. Secondly, what type of proposals are available to see that child support payments are collected so that these people do not become recipients of ADC?

SENATOR FELLMAN: A very responsible one is contained in LB1015 which calls for a payroll deduction when there is arrearage. Other responsible measures have been proposed to make mandatory payroll deductions in all cases. The most comprehensive and responsible suggestion which is being considered in a bill in Congress is the assignment of all child support claims to an independent agency or the attorney general's office in a state or the U.S. Attorney's office and have them all collected the way federal and state income and sales taxes are collected. A fourth proposal is to set up a statewide collection office similar to the way Bank Americard or Master Charge runs a collection company. And have all payments go through a central office which would require the mass utilization of computers. Now, I would support any of those provisions but I think we ought to take them one step at a time. Those would be, in my mind, sensible and accurate and useful ways to go at the problem of unpaid child support.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.