

at that point. I was mildly upset at the time, but the more I started thinking about it, I thought this might very well have some merit. I discussed it with Senator Beutler, and in talking with the Director of Social Services, Gina Dunning, who was in sympathy with it, also the Court Administrator's Office, it occurs to us that there are almost 6,400 divorces granted in Nebraska each year. This is an area that had not been discussed. Even at \$25 which is the amount indicated in the Beutler amendment, this will generate approximately \$160,000. We could then eliminate the marriage license fee and the birth certificate or the birth certificate fee would remain then as in the Lynch amendment. The more I thought about it the more I thought it had some real possibilities. I would like to suggest to the body that they consider supporting the Beutler amendment and I thank Senator Beutler for calling it to my attention. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: We are speaking on the Lynch amendment to the Beutler amendment, Beutler amendment to the Lynch amendment, thank you for that correction. Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak on this provocative measure?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want you to know that back in committee when we talked about the bill, talked about the funding, I talked to Gina Dunning about it and she actually brought the idea up at that time that perhaps instead of taxing births and marriages, we might want to tax divorces and I, of course, thought things were well enough left alone, and so unlike Senator Beutler who likes to try different approaches, I am a little more conservative I guess and he came up with an idea that we had talked about and not pursued, but it sure makes sense to me and I think we ought to do it. So I support the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you. I am going to support this amendment, and if it doesn't make it, I am going to introduce an amendment of my own, that for every child that is delivered in the State of Nebraska, and for every abortion in Nebraska, the doctors will pay a \$50 fee. Now let's face it, who makes the most money off of a birth? They get the money for delivering the child, six weeks checkup, another 25, 50 dollars, shots, on, on, and on, and