

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, Senator Higgins, I think the fee to you would be relatively high because we always gauge our fees on the amount of work the case is going to entail, and I suspect in your case the lawyer would spend lots of time answering questions.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In my case, if it hadn't been for the fact that I have been married to a man that has been threatening me with divorce every day for the last 29 years, I probably wouldn't be married today if it weren't for the fact that I am so good at talking him into staying married one more day. But I am amazed that you have such great concern for the court costs, and you don't mention at all the client's cost. Maybe Senator Beutler's amendment should be amended to charging the fees of the attorneys. Like I said, charge the doctors who deliver the babies or commit the abortions. That way the court would not have any expenses if we just said every attorney who handles every divorce case will pay a special fee of \$25. Now that is why I am not buying this \$25 court cost thing as being something so harmful. Personally, I have never met a man or a woman who wanted a divorce that wasn't willing to pay \$25 to get rid of whatever they call them. I don't know what my husband says when he thinks about divorce but I think this is a good amendment. I think the purpose for what it is entitled isn't noble, it is needed. It is necessary, and like we are told about the millions of dollars we pour into economic developments, and how much money it is going to make for the State of Nebraska, I have to say that this seed money here eventually is going to give the State of Nebraska more money to pour into economic development because we will eventually lower child abuse and therefore crime and therefore the cost of running the jails. And it would in the long run save us money aside from the moral aspects, aside from the human aspects of it, aside from the fact of whether you care about children or not. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I have been distracted. I just urge the advancement of this bill.

PRESIDENT: We are talking on the Beutler amendment to the Lynch amendment. Anybody further to speak. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, let me just repeat briefly so that you are clear on what the amendment does. Remember, Senator Lynch's amendment had two