

automated record-keeping system for all clerks. The problem we have now, as I understand it, in many counties out there is that there is no effective system for keeping track of individuals who are delinquent. So in many cases the clerks are unable to comply with that because they just don't know. There is no system for flagging delinquencies when they become over 30 days, when they become...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Why isn't there, Senator? The judge hands down the decree. The clerk of the court is supposed to keep that record. If you go to the County Treasurer's Office, they keep a record of those discrepancies. I haven't paid some of my land taxes. I will guarantee you, senators, that when I walk into Rich Liebrecht's office, he is going to say, Schmit, you owe so many dollars taxes and so much interest. Now the question I want to ask and I know your committee has worked hard on this, but I am totally frustrated because I have finally decided that although I have been on the side of the ex-wife 90 percent of the time, I have found a number of instances where the ex-husband is treated with more abuse than the ex-wife and as long as there is no effective method of record-keeping, as long as the clerks of the court refuse to do that which this Legislature required, I guess my answer...or my question is, what makes you think that anyone is going to pay any attention to any additional statute no matter what the federal government says if they won't pay attention to what we have said?

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Why will they listen to what the federal government says?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, Senator Schmit, I am not sure if I can answer that question to your satisfaction, but let me try. LB 600 beginning with Section 20 on page 21 and going through basically the rest of the bill with the exception of a couple of sections in the tail end, is a whole series of provisions, 41 sections that are known as the Income Withholding For Child Support Act. That is the guts of the bill mandated by the federal system and it provides that once an individual is over 30 days delinquent, why then a whole series of steps have to click in to be sure that delinquency gets collected, including automatic withholding from his pay check. Now part of LB 600 is to provide the