

because the largest portion...proportion of people receiving child support are women. Why? Because they are usually the ones that get the children. If we don't do that, we are going to cut off our own noses to spite our face. So we prove a little point and we cost the taxpayers millions of dollars. Now I give you my solemn word, you advance this to Select File and I will have the Clerk of the District Court in Douglas County on the phone tomorrow morning at eight-thirty and ask him, what are you doing wrong and what is your plan to correct it immediately? Because we will come up with a plan in the Legislature to relieve you of your duties and turn this child support over to somebody that will do the job, if it is true that we are not doing it. And I think that message should be sent to every clerk of the District Court or court, whoever is responsible across this state, because if they have been elected to do a job, they better do it because they are costing the taxpayers money. Last night I talked to a woman who is in desperate need. She wants to move out of a two-room apartment...or two-bedroom apartment full of cockroaches into another one and she said, I need \$300 for the deposit. And she said there is a two-year waiting list for Section 8 housing and she said my littlest one won't sleep in her own bed because of the cockroaches. I would give anything for a job, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But we got divorced, my husband and I, and he went back to Pennsylvania. So today I made a phone call to try and get her a job, and my aide told me she called and found someone that said they would loan her the \$300 deposit that the landlord is requiring for a two-bedroom apartment so she could get away from the cockroaches. Now we can't do a lot about these people that won't pay child support from Pennsylvania, but there is a real problem out there. But here is a woman that wants to better herself. She said she is the oldest of ten children and nobody in her family has ever been on ADC and she is ashamed. And who put her there? The man who won't accept the responsibilities. Now if there are men that are elected officials across this state that are sympathetic to divorced men or women who won't pay child support, then I say, by golly, next year come in with a bill and change their duties, turn it over to somebody that will do the job they were elected to do and they are getting paid a lot to do.