

date and called upon the Supreme Court to appoint a committee, over the summer and the fall, and to have recommendations back to us by December 1 so that some of the most experienced people in the state will set up this master system in a way that will ruffle the fewest feathers among judges and lawyers around the state. Now the complex child support collection system is going to take 6 to 18 months to implement. We have to have it up and running by the fall of next year. That and other reasons are why we've got to pass a bill this year. Now the committee has taken a cautious approach in delaying the effective date until the fall of next year. We could have had it go into effect more recently. But since it calls for such a substantial reorganization in most counties, not in Douglas and Lancaster, but in most counties, about how these problems are dealt with we thought caution is the better part of valor, let's not speed up the process, let's take as much time as the federal regulations allow us in terms of fine tuning the system. But that doesn't mean the bill doesn't have to pass this year. It still has to pass this year. As Senator Higgins says, if we don't pass it this year we are going to be rolling the dice. There is a lot of money involved in that dice roll. Finally, Senator Chambers talked about this bill being strongly lobbied. I don't know if any of you have been contacted by the lobby, but really to my knowledge it has not been strongly lobbied. I'd ask any of you if a lobbyist has talked to you about it. The only lobby we have is the federal office in Kansas City that is using this iron fist of \$2.7 million to say you better get such and such done by such and such. To that extent it is being lobbied right down our throat. But in the traditional sense of having hired lobbyists out in the lobby, I have not seen that happening. But I can tell you that we should not adopt this Chambers amendment either because that is going to create difficulties. As Senator Higgins has stated several times, we do need to get this thing passed this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. As I said before, I had not read the bill. I still haven't because it's quite lengthy. But I have discussed, with the committee counsel, the Judiciary Committee Counsel, about this September 1, 1986 need. She tells me that Nebraska, right now, is partially in compliance with the federal law,