

We do have control over their salaries. But I don't think that will be necessary once this bill passes and we have masters to do this job five days a week instead of having our courts only do it a half a day a week. I don't know what they are doing in other counties, but I know ours is the largest and therefore we would be collecting a great deal more money and saving the state a lot more money, and women like the one I talked to yesterday, at least where the husbands are in Nebraska or in states where we have reciprocity, or the spouse I should say, we will be able to immediately garnishee their wages and we won't have to go back. Now maybe that is the big objection to the bill. Like I say, I don't know. But I don't see any reason for this Legislature to gamble with \$4.7 million...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I listened to Senator Higgins explanation, and it doesn't make sense. You said that they've got to wait all this time because they are partly in compliance with the law now and by not letting this bill take effect until September 1986 they will then be in compliance without any of the law taking effect. I lost what you were saying. How will a law that won't take effect until 1986 bring them in compliance?

SENATOR HIGGINS: What I'm saying is our present law is not in compliance with the federal regulations. They've given us time now, with this bill that is being presented today, to comply with the laws that the federal government wants, and then time to set up computerization.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How will we comply by passing a law that doesn't take effect? How does that...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Because this law, if it passes, will take effect this summer and we will be able to go back and show the federal government we now have a law that complies with the federal law. We'll have the masters in the law. We'll have the automatic garnishment of wages whereas we don't have it now.