

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Mr. President, I would move the advancement of the bill to E & R Initial and with that I would make a couple of additional remarks with regard to what is contained in the bill. We have discussed a little bit the whole concept of expedited process, that is making these types of cases go through the system faster, ahead of even other types of cases. And we have discussed how either through a master system or through directions by the Supreme Court to the various courts we are going to expedite the process through the court system. So you know about that. That is an important part of the bill. The pressure on employers, that is another important part of the bill and we have discussed that. Another aspect of the bill, and really this is maybe the critical aspect of the bill in terms of speeding up the process, and I want to just describe it to you so you understand what it is. It is involved in procedures and court procedures and technicalities so it is uninteresting and sometimes a little hard to understand. But to put it in its simplest terms, I think essentially what we are doing is instead of using the established collection procedures that normally pertain in our state and that procedure would involve going to the court and telling the court how much a person is in arrears and getting an order to the employer for that amount of arrearage and then if he pays it up, the next time around you have to go to the court and have another hearing the next month on the same arrearage, every month, month after month after month, and that is why we are all getting behind in this whole process. We are stopping that. When you are involved in a divorce decree now there is going to be an order entered for automatic withholding and the day you are late, the day you are late, technically the day you are late the clerk of the district court is theoretically going to crank out that information to the district attorney or to another attorney authorized to handle the matter and, boom, a notice is going out to the employer right now. No court action, straight to the employer. And if the person who is the debtor, if the person who owes the child support has a problem with that, then he has a right to come in and have a hearing after the fact. But the money is going...the employer is going to be told to withhold the money now and send it in and the money is going to be in the hands of the people who should have the money and we argue about it later. That is essentially what is happening is that we will get the money in hand first and we will argue about it later rather than arguing about it first and arguing about it each and every time