

there is a small amount of arrearage. The problem with child support is so bad that that probably seems inoffensive to you but I am sure that Senator Hambers and others before this is over will point out to you that the process that we are using is contrary to some of our established principles of fairness in terms of debt collection and there are some things to think about. In any event, that is what we are doing and that is what the federal government requires us to do and, in my opinion, it is probably a good thing. Now, one more thing that I want to mention and you are going to hear about has to do with this process that I just described to you. You can see essentially that in order for this process to work, the clerks of the district court have to crank out this information quickly on a timely basis, otherwise the whole thing breaks down and it's no good. The clerks of the district court are a very independent lot, as you all know. In addition, we are not only asking them to crank out this information with regard to things that are happening prospectively to divorces that come in the future, to child support orders that are established in the future, but we are asking them and we must ask them to go back into the past and clean up what came before and that, frankly, many of them are not prepared to do and you are going to hear from the clerks of the district courts in some counties. In my opinion, what we really need to do is to have a computerized system tied in with all of the counties that ties into the state system and we have those computers out there now. And I am probably going to propose to you on Select File that this be done because, frankly, I don't think this system is going to work until we are computerized in this regard. Theoretically, the way things should work, basic information should be on the computer. When a payment is late it is fed into the computer. The computer cranks out that information. The computer could print that information on the notice. The computer could do the whole thing from handling it from the point of time when the clerk identifies the arrearage all the way through giving the notice to the employer. It would be just like potato chips, untouched by human hands until it gets there. That's the way it should be. But we need to give them a little money to do that but that money would probably be well spent and that to me is much more important than this master system that they are trying to impose on us, much more important. In any event, I wanted to bring that to your attention because the clerks of the district court will undoubtedly in some areas at least bring that to your respective