

given the power in the realm of child support to go ahead and do these things without all the delays, the delays that in turn put the spouse who is taking care of the children, handling the responsibility, behind in their rent payments, in their utilities, keeps them from going to the state government for Aid to Dependent Children whether they be a man or a woman. Today it isn't always the woman that gets the the children. But, no, this is no panacea. As a matter of fact, Senator Chambers, I have never seen a bill on this floor that solved all the problems of any one situation. And I would be the last one to say this is going to do it. It is going to be tough to get the self-employed. And I guess the only resort we will have is what we have been going through for years with those type of people and that is going back to the court system again. But I do appreciate your forbearance. I, myself, will probably offer some amendments to this bill on Select File. I do think we have to work out the problems for certain employers and I think there is probably some other things. I have not even seen this bill until this morning but I think on Select File if we don't like it, we don't have to vote for it or if we want to change it, we can change it. So I would just urge the advancement of the bill with the committee amendments to Select File this morning. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, as I have said, I have not had time to review the amendments. I am as, perhaps as Senator Chambers is, a little bit apprehensive about what will be accomplished by the bill. I can tell you very bluntly and very honestly that if the present legislation that is on the statutes of the State of Nebraska were being enforced, no one could be more than 30 days delinquent in the collection of their child support, period. Yet there are hundreds of millions of dollars of uncollected child support out there across the State of Nebraska. It has reached the point where I feel sorry for the father who pays the child support out of a sense of obligation and responsibility and concern for his children because in many instances he is paying for his own children and also for those who will not support. I want to say also that Senator Higgins referred to the reduction in ADC benefits or costs if we pass this bill. I would just like to say that many of the people who do not pay child support are not poor people. They are wealthy people. They are wealthy people who do not