

accept their obligations. I have heard the darndest arguments as to why you don't pay support. I could write a book, maybe I will some day, of all of the various arguments of why I don't pay child support. Well, let me tell you something. As I have told each and every individual who has come to me and talked about it, tell me how the children are supposed to eat and be fed and clothed without your help and then I will listen to you. As far as I know there has only been one virgin birth in this world and it usually takes two and when the things happens the children are there. They need to be taken care of. If this bill will help in some ways, if this bill will assist, I am willing to listen. As I told Senator Beutler and others, I am not going to delay the bill today. I am not going to be quite like Senator Chambers and wash my hands of it, but I am not going to delay it. But I think that it is kind of interesting when I have listened to the complaints from the clerks of the district court as to why it won't work. I listened to county attorneys as to why it won't work, why they can't figure interest on arrearages, I will guarantee you that if you haven't paid your taxes, your real estate taxes or your personal taxes and you march up to the County Treasurer's office, ask what you owe, they will tell you what you owe and they will tell you what the interest is right to the minute. But, no, the clerks of the court can't do it. And I said the county treasurers in every county ought to conduct a school so the clerks of the court can learn how to calculate interest. One more point and then I will sit down. There is a former clerk of the court who was convicted of embezzlement. I saw in the paper where he was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary. That individual was brought to my attention by a divorcee who had been shortchanged \$200 on her child support. We went back through the process and it was an interesting situation that even though we complained, we brought the attention of the county attorney to the fact that the woman had not been paid and the husband had paid. Nothing happened until it became so blatant, so blatant that it was impossible to overlook it. I want to suggest this. The entire system right now is one of complaisance, it is one of arrogance and one of almost contempt for what this Legislature has done. So I want to say again, I don't know what this bill will do. I will tell you this, if the present statutes were enforced, you wouldn't need the darn thing. You wouldn't need it. But if there is anything in it that will help to assist in the enforcement of the present statutes...