

incentives. It is just another duty or burden for them and it takes a lot of time...

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...and it doesn't make them a penny.

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR DECAMP: So my question is...thirty seconds? Who is keeping time? My question to you is, what is there in this law that is going to change that? Because until you change that flaw, you can pass all the new laws in the world and it's not going to collect another dime. You have got to make the public officials do it. How do you do that? In the remaining twelve hundredths of one second.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I am not sure I can do this, Senator DeCamp, in ten seconds. Is there some additional time, Mr. President, or shall I just press my button?

PRESIDENT: I will recognize you to respond, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In the first instance, Senator DeCamp, I think there is much truth to what you say, that the failure of the system today has more to do with the actions of public officials or the inactions of public officials than it has to do with the structure of the law. Having said that, let me say in the first instance that the situation is changing with regard to pressure on those public officials and especially now in the sense that our performance on child support is going to be monitored by the federal government and if the performance of the system overall is not acceptable, then we are going to start losing federal funds. And I assure you at the point in time that we start losing federal funds, there are going to be some people in this Chamber who are going to be very upset about that and leverage is going to be brought to bear on certain types of officials and the structure is going to change on certain types of officials if they cannot respond. And I don't want particularly to pick out any one kind of official. But you are well aware since I think you introduced the bill, that the clerks of the district court are an important element of this particular process. The clerks of the district court are a very independent public official at this point in