

office and many of them are friends of mine, more of them are not, I would have to say, because I continue to twist their tail. They file for office. They refuse to accept the mandate of the Legislature. In fact, they have been arrogant about it in most instances. They said, we can't do it. I said, then get the heck out of office. Nobody begged you to run for the office. Senator Beutler makes reference to the federal dollars we are going to lose if this bill is not enforced. As I have said, as Senator Higgins has said, tens of millions, hundreds of millions are uncollected out there at the present time and many other individual taxpayers are picking up the difference because, sure, because some father hasn't paid, but also because some elected person doesn't do their job. Put yourself in that position. What if you absented yourself from the Legislature three-fourths of the time that you are supposed to be on duty. How long would your constituents stand for it? They would meet you at the city limits and say, Senator Johnson, Senator Sieck, Senator Pirsch, we don't need you anymore. If you are not going to work, we will find someone to take your place. But in the instance of the clerks of the court and of all our county attorneys and I guess I would have to ask an attorney this, is, in fact, our county attorney guilty of malfeasance if he doesn't pursue the responsibility of seeing to it that the clerk of the court fulfills their responsibility? Is, in fact, our Attorney General himself guilty of malfeasance if he does not pursue it? There are hundreds of millions of dollars involved. We will chase somebody from one end of the state to the other for stealing a cow, in fact, across the state lines we still will chase him. Somebody...some shoplifter walks off with fifty bucks worth of stuff, some kid, we harass him, we throw him in jail. The penitentiary is full of those people. But we have people who steal from their children. We have people who because they do not fulfill the responsibility of their office in effect steal from children and no one does anything. I have I think had my name on every single bill that has passed with reference to the collection of child support in the last fifteen years. I might have just as well taken a flying run at that brick wall for all the good it has done. I don't think it has helped a darn bit. As I have told Senator Beutler, if this will help, I am for it. But if it is just one more piece of paper and if the people out there who are responsible continue to hide, then I don't know what the hell you do. I really don't know. You know, someone said it's too bad when