

have got the responsibility. Now the law is clear. I'll tell you the law is clear. I wrote the damn thing 15 times. Before Senator Carsten he got in the hog raising business with his confinement system, I used to raise hogs and I had them out in a 160 acre farm and I had a hog wire fence around it. Well you know what I had to do? Every bloomin' day we had to patrol that or one of the kids had to patrol it because them bloomin' hogs found a way to get out of that fence and every day we patched up a hole and the next day the bloomin' hogs would go through another hole in the fence. That's exactly the way this goes. Now, the individuals who owe the money know they can get through a hole in the fence because the clerks of the court and the county attorneys do not patch the holes in the fence. In fact, they don't enforce the law. I can take a stub pencil and on the barn door figure the uncollected child support and the interest arrearages in 75 percent of the counties, in Butler County, in one day's time and they won't do it. I don't get mad very often down here, but I am not going to stand here and have someone say that we don't have the tools. The heck you don't have the tools. The law is clear. It is defined. It is specific. One of the weaknesses of this bill, the amendment that Senator Johnson is talking about, is that if the bill...the laws that are on the statutes today are enforced as they are supposed to be, no one can be more than 30 days behind and you don't need to worry about a doggone lien on a piece of property because you can't be more than 30 days behind and I'm telling you, I've about run out of patience, I've about run out of patience. I think that we have got to recognize the elected people are elected to fulfill their responsibility and if I wasn't down here and if the rest of you weren't here doing our job, the Banner Press and the Wahoo newspaper and the World Herald and the Lincoln Journal would have every one of our names on the front page and say, Schmit, Hefner, Peterson not doing their job. Well, let me tell you, elected people are not doing the job they were elected to and they are being paid for and there is no excuse, absolutely no excuse and it is even worse because children are involved, children are involved. The irony of it is this. I have looked at thousands of cases of child support. I have yet to see more than one-tenth of 1 percent of them where the child support even approach...comes close, comes close to paying for the cost of raising a child and I think I know something about the cost of raising children. I've had a little more experience in that than I have in some