

other areas, but I'll tell you this. If you made the father responsible for the raising of those children, they might look at their obligations a little more seriously and as Senator Higgins has said, they might think a second time about starting the second family or the third. There are all kinds of injustices and I feel deeply for those fathers who are being persecuted because of the way they have to pay child support and someone else has to do it and I know it isn't all one-sided. There are some cases where the mother is at fault, but the number one issue is the child and until we recognize we're going to meet that responsibility...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we're doing a lousy job. Another thing that this bill does not do, the federal government says, you've got to do something about child support, then let the federal government do something about the interstate collection of child support. They have totally ignored that responsibility. All you've got to do is go across the state line, you're free as a bird, you're free as a bird, but let somebody steal a steer across a state line, we'll chase him to hell and gone. For a \$300 steer we'll chase him all over the United States, but for \$300 of child support or a 3,000 or a 30,000, you can't collect it, you can't go across the state line. Let me tell you something, ladies and gentlemen, all the other problems we have here, in my opinion, ought to be relegated to the back room until we resolve this, until we resolve this. And I'll tell you very frankly, I've been criticized many times for my lack of attention to duty and the way I vote and that sort of thing, but the most serious thing we ought to do is correct that problem of those people who do not fulfill the responsibility for which they were elected to office. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler. The motion is the adoption of the Johnson amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. There are no other names, so I'll thank you for the motion, Senator. We do not need the...do you wish to close at all, Senator Beutler? Senator Johnson, excuse me. Not necessary to vote on the question to cease debate. Senator Johnson, you may