

Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. We're back to the bill, Senator Beutler's motion to advance the bill, and at that time I had Senator DeCamp on the board to speak. Is he available? Does anybody wish to speak on the bill? Senator Haberman, did you wish to speak on the bill? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: One suggestion, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, because I've been talking to some of the members. First of all, I need to explain this paper that I handed around to you so that it is clear what happened. This form was sent to the lady who had arrearages coming to her. She went to the existing child support enforcement people to ask them for assistance in collecting what is already owed. There is no question about its being owed or the amount. So instead of helping her obtain that, they sent her this form that asks about her creditors, her average monthly expenses, rent, house payment, real estate taxes and insurance, food, utilities, clothing, medical, dental, transportation insurance, dues, memberships, child care, other child support obligations, other. What does that have to do with the lady who is trying to get her money collected? So if under the existing system there is this kind of insensitivity, why should we think that passing another law is going to solve the problem? If every time the issue becomes gray, the Legislature simply passes another law instead of trying to make those whose obligation it is to enforce the law, do their job, you're encouraging nonenforcement. There will never be accountability so here is what I would suggest, then I'm through with the bill. Oh, Senator Chizek asked me whose form is this? This form came from the child support enforcement people to the lady, and I covered up any information that would make it possible to identify her, but I left Omaha so you would know. Forty-three people in Omaha dealing in child enforcement, child support enforcement, but they won't take cases of women on ADC, won't take them, so the Social Services Department has to hire additional people to do what those people in Douglas County are being paid to do but refuse to do. So, to solve that you're going to pass another law and they are still not going to do it. They can show contempt and spit in the face of the Legislature and get away with