

it, but here is what you ought to consider doing. Every official who has an obligation, under law, to deal in child support enforcement and refuses, don't make it a case of removal from office. Since money is the problem and it will take money to make the aggrieved person whole, give a cause of action for damages to the woman who goes to this official and he refuses to do his job. And because she will not have money for lawyer fees, require that the lawyer fees be assumed by the county or the state so that she can hire a lawyer and get a money judgment against the official who refuses to carry out his or her job. And if she gets a judgment, all of these officials have property. She can then attach that property and collect against that official, but if they feel that the individual aggrieved has a cause of action, they will then do what their job is. You and I know that nobody who is in government is going to initiate action to remove some other official from office. If I hadn't pushed for that impeachment resolution when all the legislative watchers and so forth said it couldn't be done, that never would have been done. So if at the highest level it's not going to be done, you know throughout these 93 counties action is not going to be taken against these officials. So those who are really interested in child support enforcement should consider a realistic way of making the law have teeth, give a cause of action for money damages to the woman who cannot get this official to do his job and allow lawyer fees to be assessed against that official. And if he or she is acting in an official capacity so you'll be sure that the person gets lawyer fees, make the county or the state, whichever one is involved, have to pay the fees. Then I think you will see some action. Senator Higgins, I'm through now, for real.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I'm about through, too, Senator Chambers. All I would do is say, we've heard a great deal about officials not doing their job. I agree. There are senators here that don't do their job. There are some of us, or there are some senators that do more than the job requires. Senator Chambers makes a very good point. I don't know whether it would be feasible. I think a quicker way to do it is just start electing women county attorneys, women clerks of the district court because I think they would be more sympathetic to the problem of women, but I think what Senator Chambers is talking about,