

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Johnson, I don't know the answer to that. There are some federal requirements and I'm not sure how the bill relates to those federal requirements. We'll have to get the answer to that for you.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, so I guess...it looked to me as I was reading this over that a judge has...must require the employer to at least withhold the current child support obligations and it looks like the judge can...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think that's true.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...can require the employer to withhold some on the back obligations, but that's the best I can tell.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think this bill is a bill that we'd ought to seriously consider and seriously take a look at because it does have some big implications it seems to me. Let me point out one of the problems that I see developing with this mechanism and point out to you that maybe the \$4 million that we might possibly lose might be an even greater cost generally to the people of this state and it has very little to do with our concern which I think we all share in making sure that children are taken care of. Right now we have a lot of nervousness among the lending institutions in this state about liens, period. And I can assure you that they are making darn sure that their liens are perfected and that their security interests are protected. Now, if I am a divorced father with some child support obligations and I have lost my asset values and I've got a job some place on the side, now if we pass a law that says there is a possibility that I might not be able to meet my child support payments and, therefore, set up a mechanism where another lien can come in and compete with that lending institution's lien, do you think I'm going to be able to get enough money borrowed from that institution to operate or do you think this individual could buy a house or any land? I wonder. I know that there are those that say that the lien won't come in front, but I think we're going to have to very seriously look at that. If we're concerned about children, I'm not sure I want to stand up here and say that the bank's lien should come first and the children's lien second. But by the same token I