

they don't collect it, they become liable for it because they have somebody on their payroll that is remiss in paying child support, and because they may not have followed the mandates of the notice that they are receiving, that they suddenly become liable for paying this themselves. Didn't know the child. They didn't know the spouse. They didn't know anything about the situation but they are having to collect it. Now I know that the federal mandate requires that. I have in my hand here a copy of the Federal Register saying that states must pass legislation that states that if the employer fails to withhold wages in accordance with the provisions of the notice, the employer is liable for the accumulated amount the employer should have withheld from the absent parent's wages. In other words, they become liable for this delinquent child support. I know Senator Hoagland and Senator Beutler have offered amendments to try to make sure that the businessmen are aware of this, that it is not something that hits them by surprise, but a number of you are going to get those types of complaints next fall when this bill goes into effect and I am just making this...offering this amendment, bringing it to your attention so you will be sure you know what is in this bill. I see a lot of you don't particularly care what is in this bill and that is fine, I guess, as long as you are willing to tell your constituents, yes, on November 12th I did vote in favor of this bill that made you small businessmen collectors of child support. With that, I guess having brought it to your attention and trying to make some sort of speech so that you are aware of what is happening, what we are doing to the businessmen here in the state, because this is a requirement of the federal government that this be within the bill, I will withdraw this amendment. I am just using this as an opportunity to voice my objection to this again, I know it is a trite saying that we use in here, federal blackmail that forces us to do this to the people that are doing business in our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, it is withdrawn. Do you have something else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Beutler, DeCamp and Vard Johnson.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, are you going to handle this?