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SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it is fundamentally unfair to a woman in our society who has \$50,000 or \$20,000 or \$10,000 that that woman has saved from her earnings or she has inherited or what have you who goes out and buys a piece of real estate, whether it be a piece of farmland, whether it be a house, whether it be a business enterprise, who happens to be married to a man who a number of years previously was a divorced man and is obligated to pay child support and is either in arrears or is current on the child support, and who must by virtue of the financing of that piece of property have the husband sign the mortgage, that banks require the husband to sign the mortgage for title purposes. And suddenly that woman who has used her own money that she inherited or she worked for, or what have you, discovers that her piece of property that she bought in her name is stuck with the man's child support lien whether he is current or not current, and that is a denial of due process of law and is grossly unfair. It is bad policy and we shouldn't permit it to happen. If we say simply we are closing a loophole, we are closing a loophole to the disadvantage, to the disadvantage of women in our society who have earned their own way and who are buying pieces of property and who happen to have a husband who at one point in time was a married man and who is now divorced and has some kind of a child support enforcement obligation. That is not fair. That is why this language should be removed from the bill. Incidentally, I have also sponsored an amendment which Senator Higgins referred to in terms of the nature of all support liens. This issue is different from that. This issue deals with whether or not an innocent woman who has some money, who buys a piece of property is to be exposed to the sins, existent or nonexistent, of her divorced husband who happens to have a child support obligation, and I say it is wrong to expose that innocent woman to the sins of her husband.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the second half of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the second portion of that amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The second half of the amendment is