

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment that Senator Hoagland addresses is AM114S.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Are you taking that one, Senator Hoagland?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker, I have already I think stated in essence what the first amendment was. The second amendment, a one-page amendment that is now blended into this combination was passed out to you after lunch and it does three things. It has language pertaining to the automated reporting system that needs to be developed so that the Department of Social Services, the counties, and the Supreme Court can all exchange information. It has a small provision allowing things other than tape recorders to be used when necessary in these hearings before the masters, and it also increases from \$5 to \$10 the fee that can be charged by an employer on a month to month basis for the administrative cost of withholding the money from the employee's paycheck and it also provides that that fee does not come out of the child support funds but comes out of the remaining funds due the employee. So that is the explanation of the one-page thing that has now been integrated into this larger amendment. Let me just make a comment or two in response to what Senator Haberman has said. There are several of us that have been caught in the middle of this LB 600 and LB 7 problem. All the members of the Judiciary Committee have been tangling with this for a long, long time. A number of other people outside of the Legislature, a number of judges have been involved, clerks of the district court, representatives of the Supreme Court, certainly hundreds of hours by employees of the Department of Social Services in drafting these bills for us, and none of us like it very much. I don't think any of us have enjoyed at all what we have had to go through the last six or eight months at the prodding of the federal government to put this thing together. It has been no fun. It has generated a great deal of conflict among various employees of the State of Nebraska, whether they are judges, employees of the Department of Social Services, clerks of the district courts, people that are affected by this. And I concur with a great deal of what Senator Haberman said, but the fact of the matter is it is something that we have got to do, and we have done...we have been working on this for months and months. We put together as good a package as we can to, number one, satisfy the federal requirements and, number two, make as effective as we can child support collections