

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud and then Senator Lynch.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in support of the amendment but more so I rise just to discuss the bill in general, and also point out how this amendment is typical of this particular bill. I think the federal government has given us a good example upon what...has given us a good example of how not to write a bill. They wrote a piece of legislation, actually the Congress never wrote this piece of legislation. Congressman Daub never voted on this bill. Congressman Bereuter, U. S. Senators Zorinsky or Exxon never actually voted on this bill. They passed a piece of legislation that said we should have increased child support payments, and then they gave it to some consulting firm to write these rules and regs, and these rules and regs are what we are actually voting on here. And it really has disillusioned me about the way they pass laws back in Washington because I think this is typical of the kind of garbage that they give the state legislators to try to deal with, and that is the best description for it. I have sat on the Judiciary Committee for three years. I realize that there is a problem with child support payments and we do have to do something about it. I think it is...a lot of the information, a lot of the statutes that we are enacting by this bill are good but anytime you have the federal government coming in and telling 50 states how to solve a particular problem you are going to have a lot of problems just because those 50 states are independent bodies. And our court system is not the same as Iowa's or Kansas, we are all a little bit different. But yet the federal government came in and said this is the way it should be and then they dumped it to us and I don't think they really spent the proper amount of time writing these rules and regs and distributing to the Legislature. It isn't quite the same situation, I was trying to think of a situation where the federal government has come in and told the states how to do different things, and the most recent example that I could think of was the 55 mile an hour speed limit that was enacted or forced upon by the states and I think something like that is relatively easy to do. It has created a lot of controversy within this state and other states but it was an easy concept to enforce, whereas this particular bill is going to have a lot of problems once it is enacted. It is going to create a lot of outcry against it, and you are going to have a lot of businesses upset, and you are going to have a lot of people upset. But then on the other hand,