

amendment. Now the Beutler-DeCamp-Vard Johnson amendment had the effect of transferring to the Attorney General's Office certain enforcement functions of the child support act. Specifically, the effect of the bill is to transfer from the Department of Social Services to the Attorney General's Office the authority to enter into agreements with so-called authorized attorneys to collect child support around the state in those counties where county attorneys choose not to do so, and to transfer approximately nine staff members, three authorized attorneys, three paralegals, three secretarial support staff from the Department of Social Services to the Attorney General's Office. Now this amendment simply delays implementation of that until July 1st of next year. It was pointed out to us after the amendment that was adopted that without an implementation date those three authorized attorneys arguably would have to be discharged by the Department of Social Services this Saturday if the bill is passed on Friday with the emergency clause and signed by the Governor on Friday. So this amendment which is now being passed out simply delays the implementation date of the amendment we adopted yesterday giving the Attorney General's Office more authority so that both offices can plan for this transition. I would be pleased to attempt to answer any questions about this amendment and would ask the body to return the bill to Select File for purposes of adopting this specific amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chairperson, and members of the Legislature, my comment about LB 7 is hah, hah, hah. This, I know I have said it about other bills, is going to be one of the worst things when it is completed that has passed through the Legislature. You have the special interest groups now scrambling to protect their little bits of turf and Senator Hoagland is demonstrating it now. Lawyers and everybody were running around yesterday getting all these amendments together. They got you to adopt it and the first thing this morning they said, wait a minute, one of those we were supposed to be protecting is not going to be protected so change this amendment. But they are not talking about protecting the women who are not receiving the child support nor the children for whom the child support is intended. There are going to be a lot of internal struggles and fights. Senator Hoagland will make sure that he stays in