

good with the judges and the courts because he appears before a lot of them as lawyers so he is functioning as a lawyer and that is his advocacy here today. But you are going to hear very little discussion through all of this struggling about the women and the children who are supposed to be the beneficiaries of this bill. They are going to be lost in the struggle because there are no advocates among those working on this bill for those who are powerless and voiceless. This bill is not going to improve the collection of child support, and by the time you get these hodgepodge amendments attached, you are going to have clerks saying it is so complicated and so difficult I don't even understand what I am told to do. You are going to have judges saying that jackass Legislature did it again. They have gotten inconsistent, difficult provisions put into the law that are unenforceable and the county attorneys will say what they have all been saying anyway, I don't even care about all this. Then that big gaggle of people sitting in Douglas County who are hired to engage in collection of delinquent child support are going to put their feet upon...will keep their feet upon the table, continue drinking coffee, smoking cigarettes, and beating their gums while doing nothing because they will say the Legislature has produced a system that is ineffective and incomprehensible. The women and the children who are victimized now will continue to be victimized and next session you will be coming back here with another bill and here will be the alibi. LB 7 was passed because the federal government insisted on it. But for the record, there is a comment that I want to get in that Senator Johnson made yesterday with reference to the income tax bill...the cigarette tax bill. Senator Johnson said these words, "We are not wed to the federal government. We have a will of our own. We have a mind of our own." No, that was on LB 35, he was talking about the income tax and the piggybacking. "We have a will of our own and a mind of our own in trying to get you not to be overawed by what the federal government does." But this monstrosity called LB 7 is another of those things the federal government has ordered in the first instance but all of this other trash that has been heaped upon it is not required by the federal government. You just listen to the amendments if you have the stomach for it and see what happens. Then when the thing gets on Final Reading, follow along and see what this Legislature has done. You will be able to see where the breaks occur in the flow because a special interest group had to be inserted in there and their interest taken care