

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, that being the case, is it really necessary to make any changes in the bill now? In other words, what if we passed it in whatever condition it is so you have met your federal requirement and you clean it up in January because you are going to have to, obviously, do that anyway.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: The only change we need to make, John, is this change we propose here to put off for seven months the effective date of the Attorney General's Office taking over this function currently undertaken by the Department of Social Services. If we don't adopt this amendment, why then Saturday three authorized attorneys are going to have to be discharged because the authority of the Department of Social Services to employ them ends. As I explained when I introduced the amendment, this is a one-page amendment that delays for seven months the implementation date of the AG's Office taking authority over to implement this part of the program. If we don't adopt this amendment, why then as of Saturday, we could have to discharge those attorneys that are working to collect child support in 19 counties and that would be a big mistake.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Half a minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, then let me ask my final question. What if we just passed the bill without the emergency clause, doesn't that compensate for all the things that you are concerned about?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, it really doesn't because if we had passed it in the regular session, we could have arguably passed it without the emergency clause but we have delayed so long now, we are into November, the system has got to be fully operational four months after the adjournment of this session.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Time.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chairperson, members of the Legislature, I am just going to try to offer some