

to Senator Beutler. Whereas certain individuals might feel threatened if the Attorney General rather than somebody from the Department of Social Services talked to them about child support delinquencies, but will putting the Attorney General's Office in that position intimidate or have any influences on the attitude of district judges whose current attitude is one of nonchalance toward child support issues? Do you think the Attorney General's presence will make these judges more responsive?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers, that is a little bit difficult to answer because there are so many different kinds of personalities around the state in terms of judges, but as you are well aware, the judges tend to have a dominant relationship with regard to county attorneys because of the nature of the legal system in the different counties. I think when the Attorney General is there they are going to be on a more equal footing with the prosecutor and probably the prosecutor is going to have more leverage in terms of getting done what needs to be done. That would be my guess.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler gave as good an answer as can be given under the circumstances and he is right. I know the dominant position of judges but I hope that some of you who are listening will pay attention to what is developing here. The problem is not in the law. The problem is with the existing system and the people operating it because those people are not going to do what the law makes available right now to be done. There is adequate legal machinery available now, meaning prosecutors, collection agencies, judges. The machinery is there. There is adequate legislation describing and establishing their duties and they choose to ignore it. So here is what the Legislature is doing, that is why I started with hah, hah, hah. The Legislature now is going to pass a bill that is not any good. Even those pushing it acknowledge that it is not any good. Senator Hoagland has to make a plea based on the hope for luck in 1986 to correct the problems that you are creating right now in this bill. Senator Lynch saw a very serious or significant problem and he has been persuaded to back off and let a bad bill go, and in the future people can say, Senator Lynch, the record shows that you saw this problem and you didn't do anything to deal with it...