

that happen which I want to see happen which is increased child support collection and this is not going to do it. When I say this, I don't just mean this amendment. Senator Beutler is absolutely correct. I don't like the bill, period, but the only issue I can argue vociferously on is the issue that is before us, and the issue that is before us right now is the one we are discussing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please, then Senator Morehead.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead, then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I have, obviously, been silent on this and I am sorry that I had a previous commitment last evening and couldn't participate but I rise at this time to support Senator Higgins in her amendment. This is a difference in philosophy as to where you want the attorneys and the legal people to be located. Now as a Legislature, we have traditionally in the Appropriations Committee, tried to not farm out, so to speak, attorneys within departments, but, nevertheless, we do have legal staff in the Fire Marshal's Department, in the Roads Department, in the Ag Department, in the Department of Environmental Control, in the Department of Public Institutions, and, yes, even in the Legislative Council. How would you feel if this is your area in which you are working and all of a sudden you have to trundle your little self down to the Attorney General's Office to get assistance? There is a lot of time, if we ask the people at the Department of Public Institutions to contact the Attorney General's Office, that would be wasted. If you start talking about management time, then you are talking about gross mismanagement time. We all know that the Department of Social Services is large. We all know that they have horrendous responsibilities that we have asked them to do and the federal government has asked them to do. And, no, we don't like the federal government telling us all these things but, in fact, we are talking about \$5 million here, at least. We are talking about a program that the Department of Social Services has implemented and is paying. They have tightened up restrictions in a county area out around Fremont in this area and it is working. It is working with these attorneys