

piece of bad legislation with an emergency clause. You are not going to lose any money. Those are the idle threats offered by people who cannot justify on the merits this hodgepodge that we have here. I spent the noon hour talking, part of it, to Attorney General Spire and you can tell him what I am saying and ask him if I am misrepresenting anything that he said. The point, the important point of all of this should be the collection of child support. He acknowledged that if this job were assigned to the Attorney General's Office and there was not a considerable amount of money made available in excess of what is given now, he would run out of resources very, very quickly. First of all, this is not one of those one-shot operations where, for example, you have a clothier counterfeiting a certain type of jean and selling it as the original when it's not. A class action suit can wipe that out wherever it occurs in the state. But when you have 93 counties and in every one of those counties there is a problem with collecting child support, to place that as a responsibility for the Attorney General is unreasonable. To say that people in the Attorney General's Office should be taken off the assignment of writing opinions to the Legislature, to county attorneys, the Governor's Office, and whoever else may be entitled to such an opinion, would result in grumbling from the very senators who now are saying, give it to the Attorney General. They would tell him, you have got to establish priorities. The Legislature would say, well, we didn't...I meant the Attorney General would say, well, you didn't give me enough money to hire the people necessary to do all of this work. And then the legislators would say, well, one of the main pushers of this bill had an appointment in Omaha and couldn't be here so we had to hurry up and pass it with all the deficiencies that everybody acknowledged were in the bill as a boon to him. And that is crazy. That is my word now, I'm saying that's crazy. The Attorney General didn't say that. He is a very sophisticated genteel individual. Now he may think such things in private but he doesn't say them publicly. I do. And I think what the Legislature is doing with this bill is not only crazy but inexcusable. There are myriad problems associated with it. There would be less to condemn the Legislature for if they took the bare minimum that the federal government requires and say they are so afraid of that awesome federal government that they are going to enact it even protestingly. There is a type of criticism that could be given to that, but not the kind that can be given