

where farmers now are giving up. They can't cope with the new adversity that is upon them. The supposedly self-reliant, independent people at the first breath of serious adversity are throwing their hands up and saying they will quit, they are depressed. And this is based on an agency set aside to help farmers. So it is not that easy, when you are facing the wolf and smelling his rancid breath, to say, well, the wolf is not a threat. Right now there is a pretense that the Legislature is going to keep the wolf of unpaid child support away from these women and children. This legislation is not going to do it and is not designed to do it. It is a cause of proliferation of jobs for lawyers, it is to help produce a one-tier judicial system, and it is designed to shift responsibility among a lot of different people and defuse it so that nobody is going to be accountable. The Attorney General lacks the person power and the resources. The county attorneys lack the interest. The judges have contempt and the associations or the agencies in Omaha and Douglas County that are supposed to enforce child support and are paid don't have to worry about this because nobody is going to ride herd on them. So what the Legislature should be doing, and they could expedite and accelerate the collection of child support, is to place responsibility on those in the system right now who are not doing their job. But that failing, this bill will not accomplish anything of value. So I'm asking that it be returned to Select File and that the Legislature do the proper thing and strike the enacting clause.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I believe Senator Chambers has made some very good points about the problems that we've been facing with child support in the State of Nebraska. This bill is similar to a number of other bills that we get through the Judiciary Committee. We get a lot of bills in there that sound really great, and they really work to try to solve a problem. We get bills dealing with gun control. We had a rather difficult bill dealing with Senator Higgins' child pornography, a lot of bills that deal with a particular problem and solving a particular problem because there are a lot of problems out there in society. This bill deals with the problem in Nebraska of child support payments. What happens a lot of times is people, they will introduce bills, or in this particular case the federal government brings in a bill to