

increase that, very worthy goal, should be the purpose that we're here. You should always want to enforce the orders of the court to collect child support and there is never going to be enough money for those children. The trouble is that this also becomes a very easy sword to wield for a relatively small cost to place the other side to defend themselves, to disclose bank records. If for some reason they don't, then they are automatically presumed. The system can basically work then in abstentia without them there and it becomes a very easy system. I guess I'm just real frustrated with the fact that what you're telling me is we don't have a choice based on what federal law mandates. We either do this or we lose our child support enforcement monies. For a decision maker, how much do I lose? How much does Senator Peterson and I lose from the state coffers if we don't pass this bill and is there a chance for any amendment at all and, if so, what would that be?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, you've asked a series of questions. I have passed out to you with regard to the possible losses and I think you are aware from the discussion on the previous bill that somewhere around \$7 million annually is what we get from the federal government in support of various child support and child support related programs. Those would represent funds, federal funds at jeopardy. Obviously, we're not jeopardizing...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...any of the state contributions to these programs because that is at our decision, but those federal funds would be jeopardized. Now everything that is in this bill with the exception of the two provisions I have described to you represent, in my opinion, and you might be interested, Senator, by the way. I have a handout that I will reproduce for you that relates every section in the bill to the federal regulations and then I have a copy of the federal regulation so I will give that to you and you can go section by section and see how the department has interpreted the regulation versus the section that is actually in the bill and I think you will see that it is pretty reasonable. At the same time that will illustrate to you where you might think there is some leeway that might help preserve some of the values that you're concerned about and I'd certainly be willing to listen to what you have to say, but it does go, you know, it does go through it procedure by procedure and it's hard to describe on the floor...