

committee amendments, particularly in view of the fact that the original bill is much, much broader than the committee amendments. If we reject the committee amendments, and are left with the original bill, and then cannot get any additional amendments adopted, we'll be in big trouble.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Very well. I'm going to speak against the committee amendments then.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you wish to do that now, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I wanted to get my book so that I can make reference to them.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, if you will notice, first of all this is a bad bill. It is atrocious, nose-in-your-business, meddlesome bill of a worse variety than the helmet bill which the Legislature refused to bring out of committee. We have a situation where in-laws often become outlaws, and they want to meddle into a matter which they ought to leave alone. I'm a grandparent myself, so I have some understanding of the relationship that can develop between a grandparent and a grandchild. However, if situations between family members, and within a family, deteriorate to the point where the parents of the child do not want some meddlesome grandparent of that child sticking his or her nose into the family situation, the courts, the state ought not become a party to muddying the water. Already we know that the majority of homicides that occur take place within families and among close friends. The bitternesses that can result when family disputes arise are unparalleled in any other situation. When these committee amendments are going to throw, as it says in Section 1, "as used in this act unless the context otherwise requires, grandparents shall mean the biological or adoptive parent of a minor child's biological or adoptive parent." It is extending the sweep of this law to include people who, in my opinion, are not really grandparents for the purpose of a bill such as this. It also wants to inject people into a situation where the parents of the child in question have never married. There is no way to reckon in advance the mischief and damage that a bill such as this can cause. These people have had the opportunity to rear their own