

ridicule and scorn nationally and in some cases internationally that they hid how they really felt behind euphemistic terms in the law. But when the same attitude exists toward children born out-of-wedlock, as it now is called, nothing has really changed even though the terminology for designating it has changed. What I am offering here is something that I know would have no chance, but I want the body to understand how serious I am in opposing Senator Pirsch's efforts. She, I think, misunderstood Senator Pedersen's position. Senator Pedersen is opposed to Senator Pirsch's amendment. He was being ironic or sarcastic when he had mentioned that we always, as a society, want to talk about children being responsible. He was pointing out we have a responsibility to children and things being attempted of the kind embracing Senator Pirsch's amendment does not exemplify that responsibility we owe to these children. Whether we call these children bastards, illegitimate children, children born out-of-wedlock or any other terminology, the aim is to be judgmental, to be condemning. I dare say that there are instances where married women have children who, if a blood test were administered upon them, would be found not to be the child of the man to whom she was married at the time the child was born. This was happening to such an extent that laws had said a presumption will exist that unless a man is off at sea or some place where it's a physical impossibility, any child born during the time that people are married is presumed to be the child of the husband.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A presumption was created in law because the reality and the facts often indicated something else. There were so-called noblemen who would come into women who were peasants, who were serfs as they were variously called, indentured servants, and impregnate them in the same way that white slave owners impregnated black slave women. Thomas Jefferson was no exception. Patrick Henry, James Madison, George Washington, look at how the attitude and conduct of existing presidents and politicians will display itself and you should not be surprised that when these men owned these women or presumed to as property that they would take sexual liberties. This whole complex and attitude of branding people because of the class or race of which they are a part will have historical roots and what I want to do is root all of that out, root and branch.