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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm going to work with Senator Jensen, between now and when the bill comes up again. And anything in the form of this amendment that was adopted which would harm the bill, he and I will work together to be sure that is not done. And I will talk to him about the part dealing with incarceration. But this is one of those bills which, even though I don't like it, Senator Jensen, with all due respect to you and everybody who wants this bill, to me the bill itself is what I'd call a peewee bill, it's not that big a bill, so I'm not going to do everything I can to stop it or even to delay it. Each amendment that I offered I was very serious about. The first one was in two...it had two elements, and when that was struck down by a vote, I then broke the elements apart and took them one at a time. The body wisely and graciously accepted one part of it, while unwisely and mean-spiritedly rejected the other. So I guess maybe we could say it's kind of a 50-50 split here. But Senator Jensen and I will work on it, and I have nothing further that I'm going to do on the bill at this time. And if we work out the areas of problem that I see, you will not hear me talk against this bill as far as trying to stop it. But when we get to Select File, I may have some general comments to make in opposition to the state getting this involved or involving itself in this manner in the affairs of the citizens. And that's all that I have to say on the bill at this point.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Senator Jensen, you are recognized to close on the advancement of LB 777.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. We've had a good discussion on LB 777. I have offered to Senator Chambers my willingness to work between now and Select File to clear up what I think are just some technical changes. And then I would certainly encourage the body to move this forward to the next debate on Select File. It is a bill that I think can smooth out some of the rough edges on divorce. I very early in the debate asked Senator Chambers if there was such a thing as a good divorce, and he said, well, in some cases there are. And I'll take that at his word. But the whole thing is is to provide what is best for the children in this case. We have parents that sometimes certainly are warring against each other, and if they can...but they do love the children and they want