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hope that you'll support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Continued discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Excuse me. Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members, I'm sorry I was under the north balcony. I rise, I hadn't had a chance, because I was at a committee meeting, to listen to everything Senator Crosby said. I heard some of what Senator Chambers said. And to be completely frank, this argument that Ernie just used reminds me of the argument I used yesterday when I supported LB 502, because I don't agree with the death penalty. I thought if, in fact, that bill would provide some retroactive help to those that were not treated in an equitable and fair way, however heinous their crimes, as it applied to the death penalty, then by golly, as far as I'm concerned, the amendment and the bill was worth it. This is sort of the same way. I don't care if it helps just Chip Thomas (sic) or anybody else. If they were the only ones that it helped, then I would support it. I do know fathers, noncustodial parents, who have been brutalized by their wives by using the kid as the tool, and that's not right. And the reason they can do that is obvious, because the law permits that to happen. We all make livings in different ways. Chip is on the road playing music, and I used to do mine down in the sewers, in the old days. But, in both cases, I could come out once in a while, if I were in that circumstance, and visit my kids; sometimes others, depending on their way of making a living, couldn't. So as far as I'm concerned I can't see how, if it only helped one person, it would be wrong. I can only see that it can help many, many families. I think kids deserve the right to grow up with some kind of equity as far as the time of their parents is concerned. And because we can't spell out in some court order exactly what time and on what weekend or whatever else the privilege of knowing your own kids exists, there should be some flexibility. I don't think we should use the law. We shouldn't use the law at all to limit the ability of a noncustodial parent to have a chance of being with their kids, whether it's a man or a woman, I don't care. I think it's a good idea. I think what Senator Crosby has provided for us to consider is a good idea and I think we ought to give it a chance. We can change it later on, if you don't think it's a good idea. But, with all due respect,