

to give up that job because they are going to go to Bible Study and Bible Camp so we go to court again. And pretty soon all of this joint custody that sounded so good and in the best interests of the child merely becomes a fertile field for breeding arguments in court. And don't tell me the arguments won't start after a divorce when there were so many arguments during the marriage that the divorce was necessitated. A situation exists right now where the court can, if it's in the best interests of the child...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...determine that there will be joint custody and let the court go through all of these things and maybe the court will decide, no, no, joint custody is out of the question. If you put something in law the Legislature is telling the court we think you ought to review your policy and do it differently. If you adopt an amendment that is designed to make a bad thing better you haven't helped the situation. I'm against Senator Hoagland's amendment to the amendment. All it does is create another court hearing and you're going to have plenty of those anyway. So what I hope is that you will reject his amendment, but that really isn't too important to me. The main problem is with the main committee amendment and I will discuss it further.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, is this the amendment to the committee amendments?

SPEAKER NICHOL: This is the Hoagland amendment, yes, to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Four, five, okay, I see five hands now. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.