

have a situation where two parents get along very well, but they can't stay married. They get along so well that they are willing to agree to have joint custody of this child. That's harmony such as you don't even find in heaven because my wide-eyed friend Senator Jacklyn Smith, when everything was perfect in heaven before there was even any sin Lucifer decided he'd rebel against God and that's where one of the greatest issues of morality and theology comes in, where did the evil thought come from that Lucifer had that led him to rebel against God if God is all good and everybody was in heaven? But they didn't even have that kind of harmony in heaven, but let's say they could achieve it on earth after a divorce. Let the judge grant custody to one of the parents and it doesn't matter which because after that is done by the court then the parents make this agreement between themselves that amounts to joint custody. Who is going to object? If we have worked this agreement out as to how we're going to deal with the child, if my wife has the child I'm not going to go to court and say make her give the child to me because we've agreed just like we would if the court had imposed it. But this is the real test of whether there is harmony. Can the parents deal with this child in this harmonious fashion without having a court impose an order which allows one to drag the other before the judge serving as a father figure or mother figure for the parents as well as the child and say you two are going to do this. You two are going to do that and then make a laundry list and say if you come back in here again...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because I'm tired of this, I'm going to give custody to one or the other or if you show yourself so antagonistic I'm going to take the child away from both of you until you can bring yourselves together because right now I don't think either of you is fit to handle the child. We don't need this provision. Understand, the law was not changed by the Trimble decision. The Trimble decision did not say parents cannot seek joint custody. It said as it should have said, the court that is, only in the rarest instances should it be granted and that's the law right now. This Trimble fellow makes me tremble when I think what would happen to those poor children if joint custody were granted. The child would be the bone between the two warring canines and such should never be the case.