

of assumptions and presumptions are being made during this discussion by people who are unaware of what the reality is. Does Senator Hannibal, after saying a court should not change the law, now tell us that despite the fact that the law that he wants says that the parents shall have these equal rights?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They won't really have it and the judge can change it? I know that's not what he means, but that's what the law says.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, trying to be fair because they may call the question before Senator Hannibal gets to speak, I will give him the time that I have at this point.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers has five minutes and he is saying you may have it if you like.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because it is now my time to speak and they'll call the question, so to give you your chance.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, thank you, Senator Chambers, my adversary. It's nice to have debate here on a high level, not for a change, but continuing on a high level. A couple things that Senator Chambers has pointed out to you, and he is legally interpreting what is here. It's important though to make the difference between what is effectively happening and what can happen legally. I'm not an attorney and no attorney brought this to me by the way. This was pointed out to me by a constituent that was just involved in a case. I got involved because I was wondering about it, and I have discovered a lot about it, but I am not an attorney, but I suggest to you that if you read the Supreme Court opinion, and I want to do it one more time just a couple of sentences here. It says that, such arrangements, joint custody, while they're possible, reserved for the most rare cases, but it says that the maturity of this arrangement, the maturity involved in this arrangement must be of such a level that the court questions, as a matter of fact, asks what they call a collateral question. They say, if there is that level of maturity among the two parents, you're too mature to get divorced. It's as simple as that. Now if you read