

this, I'm not an attorney, it doesn't change statute, but if I read this and I assume most reasonable people reading this, it's going to say only in rare occasions can you bring it, number one, and number two, those cases aren't going to be possible because if you're mature enough to handle it you wouldn't be getting divorced and there would be no custody case involved. To me it says you cannot bring this here because there is no condition that can arise that would allow for this rare occasion of joint custody. That's the way I interpret it. I would assume most reasonable men would interpret. It's impossible to have an occasion where the maturity is such at the level of the parents that it would work in the best interests of the child because if they're that mature they wouldn't have gotten a divorce in the first place, we wouldn't have an issue. The fact that the law has not changed in language really is irrespective of the argument to me because we're talking about the effect of the situation. And maybe we only have one case out there in this state that is going to be coming up where it would be in the best interests of the child involved, where the court would determine all these things and say, yes, joint custody is there. If it's never brought to the courts, if it's never entered into the courts, we'll never know. We've got an effective change in law that I don't think was right. I think that we should put the law back where it was because of the way it was arrived at and then we also have to make a decision on whether joint custody in any case would be good. Now the stories that Senator Chambers is telling you about as far as going back to court and having adversarial positions, they can happen, but it is equally important to point out that they happen right now under sole custody. And as a matter of fact, joint custody is relatively new within the last 10, 15 years I suppose, something like that, but sole custody has been around for a long time and I don't have statistics and I probably should, but I don't have statistics, but I'd be willing to bet a lunch, if that were permitted, that we have more cases going back to court where sole custody is there than you will have in joint custody cases and I'm talking about pro rata, the number of joint custody cases available versus sole custody cases, you're going to have a lot less trouble under joint custody.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It leads to a situation, joint custody gives that parent that parental responsibility in their