

this session is absolutely atrocious. And Senator DeCamp mentioned a house resolution now in April of '85 called for the states to adopt a uniform act which would provide grandparents with adequate rights to petition the state courts for privileges to visit their grandchildren following the dissolution of the marriage or the grandchildren's parents because of death, separation, divorce or parents' remarriage and stepparents' adoption of the grandchildren. I know, myself, the importance of a grandchild in the life of a grandparent, as many of us do on this floor. If we aren't a grandparent now, we have grandparents of our own. It is very important to a great number of these people in this state to provide a means by which they can petition the court and I emphasize that, petition the court in order to obtain visitation rights. The courts will decide whether it is in the best interest of that child for their grandparents to have visitation rights. I urge you to reject the bracketing motion, to go on with the bill as amended by the committee and we will talk about it again on Select File. We need not waste time. I have got a priority bill coming up too and I know we have the budget bills and everything else, but many of the people in this state are not interested in some of the bills that we say are of great importance to this state, but they do believe that grandparents' rights, whether you are a grandparent or not, it should be very important to you and to many of your constituents that we don't stall this bill for an hour. Vote it up or down. If you don't feel it is a good bill, then vote against it. I have done it many times. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I would also urge us to reject the bracket amendment. It might not be as high a priority as a veterinary school, Senator Vickers, or a hospital building bill, Senator Wesely, but if you are in your late sixties and seventies and eighties and you have got some grandkids and you would like to have a chance to love them, you would hope that your grandkids would have a chance to see you. You don't have a chance to wait another year, maybe another six weeks, Lord willing, you never know how long you have. It is a high priority bill. If it affected just one or two people, it would be a very important bill for us to consider. It makes great sense for us to be in the mainstream as far as the rights and