

those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The question is, shall the debate cease on the discussion of the bracketing motion? 25 votes required. Please record your vote if you wish to vote. The motion is to cease debate on Senator Vickers' motion to bracket the bill. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails and Senator Vickers is entitled to close.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, it is pretty obvious to me that this body wants to spend an hour debating the grandparents' visitation rights. Senator DeCamp says that 49 states have done this already. Well, a lot of those states have done it very recently and that there seems to be some interest in this body since other states have done something in a certain way then this state had ought to do it too. Well, if that is the way this state wants to operate, why don't we open up the other Chamber across the hall? There is nothing wrong with being different than the other states. We are different from the other states. A lot of people in here stand up and say, well, the poor grandparents, the poor grandparents, we have got to give them the right to see their grandchildren in their later years. Well, I don't consider myself to be quite later years necessarily, although I suppose that depends on your point of view. I love my grandchildren too. I love my stepgrandchildren also and those stepgrandchildren have some real difficulties because of the process of a divorce. How many people have stood up and said anything about their children? About the children, in an adversarial type situation, a divorce that has got an adversarial...if it is a friendly divorce, you don't have to worry about it. The only time this comes into play is when it is an adversarial divorce, when it is an adversarial situation. Has anybody thought about how the kids are tore up? I have seen my stepgrandchildren have to go to a psychiatrist. I have seen my stepgrandchildren have to be set back a grade in school because they simply couldn't cope with the trauma. I have heard my stepgrandchildren ask my son why he couldn't...why he wouldn't adopt them and give them his name. I have heard them say, how come we have two fathers? And yet we have