

to...Senator Hoagland and Vickers would move to amend the committee amendments and that amendment is on page 2190 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me describe this amendment briefly, colleagues, because I don't think we need to take a lot of time on it. I visited with Senator Johnson about it and he may have an opinion on this. What this amendment does is it takes out the third set of circumstances where visitation would be allowed and that is where the parents had never been married. Now as I have reflected about this over the last week or two since we put the bill out of committee, it strikes me as being kind of silly, really, to allow a grandparent visitation situation where the children have never been married in the first instance. Now once again we are talking about a situation where the mother presumably has custody of the child, she and the father of the child were never married, paternity may or may not have been established. The child...the father may or may not be actively participating in helping to raise the child by time and attention and child support and so forth. It seems to me in that kind of a situation where there has never been a marriage, the link between the father's parents and the child is so weak that at least in 1985, if we are going to pass the grandparents' visitation bill, let's not go that far. We can come in a couple years later if there is good cause and allow grandparents visitation where there has never been a marriage. But I think for now it is stretching things a little bit. It is a little silly and I would ask for the adoption of this amendment to the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on that amendment? Is there anyone that wishes to speak on that amendment? Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I think that is what I want to talk on. I want to talk on what Senator Hoagland was just talking about.

PRESIDENT: That's right.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, for a minute I thought I was listening to a patron saint who was interpreting the moral codes of