

married shouldn't be dealt with or treated with the same rights as other human beings. Tom, from a very rural area, I suspect, looks at it from the same taboos. Let me throw a shocker to you which you can go check in the books, statistical books. There are certain segments of our population right here in "River City", Nebraska and I don't criticize them, where at least 50 percent or more of the births are a result, ah, yes, of parents not being married. And I am going to tell you something. I suspect if you were to check, you would find that the relationship in those families may be as tight or tighter than some of those that are well married and have got the little piece of paper. So before you reject this amendment, look in the mirror and see if you are just not trying to throw your own personal attitudes as to what somebody's absolute moral code should be, if you are not trying to throw yours on them and assume that yours is perfect and if theirs deviates from it, it must be really messed up and wrong. The legislation should apply to children and to grandparents if you are going to do it at all. I urge you to reject the amendment. And, as I say, we all do it whether it is John DeCamp or Tom Vickers, we all tend to look at a particular situation with our own personal environmental experiences and our personal moral codes. And sometimes, sometimes it comes out just screaming at us as it just did here. I urge you to reject the amendment and all of us as an example from this situation on every bill see if we are not being a little too narrow and too bigoted in what we are trying to impose on somebody else.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler on the amendment to the committee amendments. Twenty minutes left.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp, if I may, I would just...your remarks are interesting and I just wanted to follow up with some questions with regard to your philosophy on the issue. I have been with this issue quite a while as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and I have a lot of mixed feelings about it as I think that most people in this body do if their opinions are honestly expressed. One of the things that has always troubled me a little bit, you mentioned the narrow mindedness of Senator Vickers in suggesting this particular amendment. It occurred to me when we were having the debate on this that perhaps limiting it to grandparents was a narrow minded point of view and perhaps not even a particularly relevant point of view. If