

do it? No. By the same token, by the same token the real losers in this business are the sincere parents on either side, husband or wife, who are trying to do what is right. I would have to recognize that in many cases they have an uncooperative spouse, but the court seems to allow the system not to function. So now we are told if we pass this bill everything is going to be all right. Well we'll have a year and a half delay. I'd like to ask this...and I have deep concern for the threat of the loss of the funds, I'm going to talk to Miss Dunning about that because I want to get her opinion. But I want to say this, if the present system totally ignores statutes that are on the books, that this Legislature has painstakingly put together, then by what reasoning do we believe...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that they are going to be concerned about a bill which is passed with an enactment date of 1986, September 1. I do not think that is going to strike terror in anyone's heart. I feel sorry for the Judiciary Committee. They worked on this bill. They tussled with it. Apparently, as Senator Chambers said, there is no real agreement between judges and attorneys at the present time. Do we then throw the bill on the board and hope that there becomes agreement in the intervening time? We are not dealing with cattle. We are not dealing with soil and water or even taxes. We are dealing with people. We are dealing with children, men and women's lives and I think we ought to recognize that. I guess I'm a little unhappy because we ought to have 49 members here today talking about what I think is one of the most important issues to face this Legislature.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It should not have been debated on the 84th day of the session, but they ought to all be here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, if we call the house and everybody agreed, we might get them here, but I know that is out of the question. But it is an important piece of legislation. After you all have had a chance to go home and refresh yourselves and come