

votes weren't there until somebody brought it to someone's attention in Judiciary Committee that this bill is necessary if you don't want to lose \$4,700,000 for the babies. And I mentioned those babies or children in the very beginning. So when you ask me have you heard one word from anybody about the children, all you've heard about is the judges and the lawyers, you weren't listening to me I guess because I said that from the very beginning when I said if you will be good enough to advance this bill to Select File, and if I am wrong I will make the motion to kill this bill on Select File, and I'll work the floor to get the votes to kill the bill. Now if you are really concerned about the children and not just about killing the bill, and if this bill doesn't pass many children may die of starvation, if you are really concerned about the children you will compromise, you will make this your last amendment, you'll withdraw all your other motions and then we will vote to advance the bill up or down. Now here is your chance, Senator Chambers, to show if that magnanimous speech you made the other day about the babies was sincere. It is your opportunity to show your credibility. Senator Labeledz, I know there are at least 25 people here to vote. I'm very aware of what you are doing. In fact there are only 12 excused when I checked a few minutes ago. So I'm only asking, Senator Chambers, to withdraw your present amendments and motions and show that you and I do share a common interest in the good of these children. I know that you are able to listen to Senator Labeledz and me at the same time because you told me it never bothers you to have two people talking at once, that you never miss a beat, although I'm not sure Senator Labeledz is able to do both, but I know you are. So all I'm asking, Senator Chambers, is for you and I, for the good of the children, and you have children and you have grandchildren, to...or a grandchild, Senator Marsh corrected me.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Let's compromise. You know my word is good and that I will move to kill this bill on Select File if it isn't necessary. You have my word on it, so let's vote this amendment of yours up or down and then let's see if your concern is really for children, and withdraw those amendments. You can put them all on Select File. You made the remark that I probably would not admit I was wrong. I've stood on this legislative floor in the past and apologized for being wrong. So with that, I'll just close