

I don't presume to speak for them at all, but I believe that this was their intention and this law will make the law via the proper avenue, the Legislature, read much more like it should have read before the Supreme Court got to its position. And as far as Senator Schmit's part of the bill, he was the main introducer of the bill, it makes logical sense. Obviously, there were some people that weren't following tradition and whether it was in his district or some other district or one person or a hundred people, if you believe the concept is right and if it should be the way things are going to be conducted and if you have some people who are going against that tradition for no valid reason or maybe some very invalid reasons, then the law ought to be changed and I support both parts of LB 612.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit is next, but may I introduce some guests of Senator Pappas first. In the north balcony are 28 "Golden Dusters", which is a senior group of travelers from North Platte, Nebraska. And they are in the north balcony and Geraldine Young is their escort. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I will speak only briefly. Senator Chambers generously gave me about all the time that I need. I would just like to say that the original purpose of the bill was to put into the statute the facts that the child support was the property of the custodial parent. I agree with Senator Chambers it should not be necessary. It should not be necessary. The question should not ever have arisen, in my opinion. But more learned people than I, apparently, and more educated, not necessarily more intelligent, Senator Chambers, decided that it should be otherwise. And the more I am here, the longer I am here, the more I learn that the law has got to be written, not so that you and I understand it, but that so someone else can't misunderstand it and it is an embarrassment. It is an embarrassment to every one of us that you have to be so specific that the lawyers should read it this way or that way. But an individual farmer, businessman, student, teacher, professional person, has to have the law written so it cannot be misunderstood. And that is what we are trying to do here. You can imagine the chaos that could occur if a judge should decide, suppose that there is a custodial parent with three children ranging in age from two to ten, we are going to give Johnny so much,