

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...out of a feeling that you have for these elderly people that you may have some concern for, that we all may have some concern for, should think seriously about the ramifications should this become law. Not every grandparent is kindly, not every grandparent is loving, not every grandparent is interested in maintaining a family intact, or healing the wounds that exist in a family presently. We need to kill this bill, and I hope you will vote to do so.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the bill be indefinitely postponed? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are on General File. Simple majority prevails. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to kill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We are back on the bill, aren't we. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment from Senator Vickers to the bill. (Vickers amendment appears on page 944 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, this amendment would change just one word two different places in the bill as it sits right now after being...having the Johnson-Hoagland amendment adopted. On subsection (2)...or on Section 2, lines 4, and again on line 10, the language says that, "The evidence may be presented by affidavit and shall demonstrate that a significant beneficial relationship exists, or has existed in the past." I changed that. This amendment would change that "or" to an "and" so that there would not only be the relationship now, but there also has been a relationship in the past, not one or the other but both. Again, on line 10, "Reasonable rights of visitation may be granted when the court determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that there is or has been a significant beneficial relationship between the grandparent and the child." I changed that "or" to an "and" with this amendment as well. And the purpose is very simple. If we are going to adopt this philosophy, which I think is the wrong philosophy, but if we are going to adopt it, then we had