

cluding to. And, yes, it would be wonderful if we could see to it that every child in this country has a wonderful, loving, happy family with two loving parents, four loving grandparents, and however many great grandparents that it would be possible for them to have. But you can't pass laws to make those things happen. I guess I think that there...and I recognize that I'm fighting a losing battle because it is so popular to say, well, it is so nice to have this bond that we've got to have this mechanism to allow it to happen. I want to point out to you, though, the trauma on the child themselves. I don't know how many of you have got any personal opportunities, or had any personal opportunities to view children who have gone through the trauma of divorce and gone through the trauma of visitations by even their own parents who were adversarial to each other, but I have, and it is not fun. It is not fun to see young children, who should be at the happiest time of their lives, having to go to a psychiatrist to try to work out their problems brought about by that trauma. It is not fun to see young people, who had done good in school, suddenly lose all interest in school, suddenly have to even perhaps have special tutoring along with that psychiatric help because of the trauma of that divorce and the trauma of the resultant, of the resultant visitation rights established by the courts, and nothing wrong with that probably, even with the parents involved. Now what we are doing with this bill is we are interjecting another level of that trauma. Remember, this will not be used in any instance where there is a loving grandparent, loving grandchild, loving parent relationships already. It is only going to be used when there is an adversarial situation, when somebody doesn't like somebody else, where the child is used like a yo-yo, where the child is put in a situation to have to choose between one or the other, where the child is at least occasionally put in a position of having the other parent or parents that they are associating with, or grandparents run down for a whole day at a time, or a weekend and have to defend them, or listen to the other side. I don't think we are even thinking about that. I don't think that the Senior-Haired (sic) Legislature thought about it either. I've got a few white hairs myself, what few I do have. And I know, I know the hurt that would happen if I couldn't see my grandchildren. But once in awhile we've got to remember the wisdom of Solomon. Once in awhile we've got to remember what happened when there was a fight over the baby and Solomon, in his wisdom, said, we'll settle this, we'll just