

the child. That is the prevailing standard before visitation can be granted. Secondly, the grandparent must establish a significant beneficial relationship between the grandparent and the child, either past or present. Third, the grandparent must establish that it will not interfere with the parent-child relationship, with the underlying parent-child relationship before visitation can be granted. And, fourth, there has to have been a genuine attempt to work out differences before they can go to court, before they can seek relief in court. So, remember, we have those four carefully structured limitations on the access to court right. With that, Mr. Speaker, I'd ask Senator Labeledz to finish the closing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I thank Senator Hoagland for at least one minute of his time. As a grandmother of nine grandchildren I believe that I would move heaven and earth, including my own children, in order to be able to visit my grandchildren if anything disastrous should happen in their relationship. I understand there is about 49 states that now have some sort of grandparents visitation rights. There have been no states that I know of, and I didn't check thoroughly, but I don't think any state has repealed what they've done in their states. I think the most important thing that has made me so strong on grandparents visitation rights is the fact that there has been time after time that you and I lift up the newspapers and see child abuse, sex abuse on children, child pornography, whatever, but you never, in the many years that I've been reading the newspaper and I hope I read it thoroughly, that a grandparent has caused any sex abuse or child abuse on any children that have come to visit them, whether the parents are divorced or one of them has...is deceased. So I think that all of this talk about...it is a very poor argument as far as I am concerned that sometimes the children, in their best interest, should not be visiting their grandparents. We don't seem to have any problems with the parents, or I mean with the grandparents taking the children on weekends and so forth. And we don't see anything of child beatings, or burning the bottom of their feet, or sexual abuse on grandchildren as we do with boyfriends of the divorced parent or with a live-in companion of any kind abusing a child. I think that the grandparents would notice that and possibly stop a lot of