

interference of the third party. Now, the minute she said that I happened to think of old 54-year-old Marge Higgins. And in about 12 days I'll be celebrating my 30th wedding anniversary with an old man, about 60 years old. And I'm thinking about some sweet young thing about half his age that might come along, and pull him away from me. And I'm thinking about 30 years ago when we got married. We entered into a legal contract, a marital contract, one more legal than you sign before any attorney, but one that was a binding vow. And this woman goes on to say when someone interferes with a good marriage relationship the injured spouse should be compensated by the interfering party for destroying that relationship. Now, senators, let's be honest about it. You and I are all adults, as has probably been argued in this bill. And we all know that some adults, when they reach a certain age, start going through what we call second childhood. You know, the old boy buys a convertible so that he can look like he's back in his twenties or his thirties, and he starts jazzing around, and doing the town, and acting like a kid again. And sometimes that is just a temporary thing a man or a woman goes through. But some young man or young girl is attracted to them, not even realizing what they are attracted to is a mother or a fatherly figure, and they mistakenly mistake it for a marital type love instead of adulation and adoration, replacement of a father figure or a mother figure.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I don't really think Dave Higgins is going to leave me for another woman. Any man that would put up with me for 30 years would just figure it is too late now, anyway. He's given me the best years of his life, and I have given him the best of my life for 30 years. But I think this bill is something that I oppose from the standpoint of, where does it stop that we, in this state or this country, forget what we were really founded on? I don't care what religion you are, we all believed at one time, at one time in the sanctity of marriage. And making it easier and easier to commit adultery, to get divorced, we are breaking up the stability of marriages today. We are doing great harm to children. This bill makes it much easier. I sympathize with Senator Chambers' ideas, but I take a different view. I don't want to make it easier to break up marriages. I want the old man, or the young man that decides marriage is not a valid contract, marriage is