

society is epidemic. There are men who are forcing women to stay with them. There are women, apparently, who have the means to force men to stay with them because the spouse abuse has been from the female toward the male side, too. So the damage that exists is not caused by a third party. When people are courting they try to show the best side of themselves in every way to the spouse to be. But after the marriage occurs, and the fish is landed, maybe the man doesn't bathe as often as he should, maybe the woman doesn't practice hygiene like she should have, maybe when people change clothes they don't bother to bathe first, maybe the consideration like a bouquet of flowers or a box of candy on a birthday, the remembrance of Valentine's Day, and all of these things that are supposed to be romantic no longer are paid attention to and you'll find women sitting around talking to other women, and even men saying, this man is not what I thought he was. Or, years will go by and they'll say, I don't know this man anymore, or the man will say, I don't know this woman anymore. We don't talk, we don't have things in common, he has gone on to a career that has caused him to outgrow the relationship, or she has gone on to a career that has caused her to outgrow the relationship. The vindictiveness and the bitterness, as Senator Pirsch described, definitely is there. But what happens in most of these cases is that the spouse who leaves, after the divorce, marries the other person and it is that other person, which is now part of a family unit, who is hailed into court.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So with all this talk of being in favor of the family, what this law allows...not a law, this cause of action which is a judge-made law, allows is for a party, who is unlucky in love, probably due to derelictions in himself or herself, to attack an existing family unit and say, I will pay you back, I will get you, I will punish you. And I don't think Senator Pirsch would deny that this is why a lot of people do these things. But that is not what the courts are for. And nobody could say those kind of actions elevate the stature of marriage, lend to the sanctity of marriage. All it does is give an outlet for the venting of the worst basest emotions that human beings have. To be scorned, to be filled with bitterness and hatred is something, as Senator Pirsch said, we cannot legislate out of existence. But we need not use the courts to give a