

forum to that kind of action. Nobody can show where a marriage was saved by one of these causes of action. The marriage is broken. It is over. The only thing alienation of affections causes of actions allow is the final playing out, as Senator Pirsch said, of that last confrontation. And the person doesn't care about winning damages. The person feels hurt, and they want to hurt the other one, and they say, by god, I'll do everything within my power to get you. And, fortunately, in the minds of some of them they have found out that there is such a thing as an alienation of affection suit and a lot of these have now been filed because people can use them to get even, not to save a marriage, not to reconcile, but to punish and to hurt. And any of us, any of us who is idealistic enough, naive enough, young enough, or romantic enough to put our heart on a sleeve and put it in somebody else's keeping run the risk of our heart being broken.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the punishment for that is the pain. But the courts should not be used as a means to allow a vindictive person to get even.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I would just say Senator Chambers has mentioned punishment, punishment, punishment, punishment. Nebraska doesn't have punitive damages, so I don't think punishment is really the right word here. Maybe he's talking about punishing the spouse. But, again, I am thinking of those marriages that have lasted 20, 25, 30 years, 15 years, and there are certain types of women and certain types of men that just like to prove they can take another woman's husband, or they can take another man's wife. And once he's caused, or she's caused that problem, many times you find the fling is over, but the marriage that was good beforehand is dead. The bitterness is there, and the children have suffered. In the alienation of affection, I believe, that as long as the law stays there it could be a factor in preventing a divorce, when that man or that woman, who has had a good marriage until the time the third party came along, will wait it out and perhaps take the other spouse back and try to rebuild the marriage. I just see it, as I say, personally and the people in my district as not being in favor of this type of