

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Can I answer that question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Somebody failed...no, I'm through questioning you. Somebody failed somewhere. So what we are dealing with when Senator Hoagland talks about reality is what actually occurs in these kind of situations and the bitternesses that we know exist. This Legislature seems bent on compelling people to be brought into close, intimate, personal contact and relationship when they don't want to be. The state should not be forcing these kind of situations. Now, the mother of the child might feel, this is a meddling old bat and she might say, that old bat is not paying for my child's clothing. When my child had an earache and a headache I sat up with my child and maybe if she had treated her son like I'm trying to rear mine, he wouldn't have done what he did. Maybe she has failed with her own son and she is going to mess up mine, or maybe she had a meddling old in-law. But, nevertheless, we have a situation where bitterness exists and if you look at the language of this bill, it is terrible. It says that every attempt has been made to reconcile differences and they cannot be reconciled. So here comes this blundering, stumbling Legislature of Nebraska saying that when you have to say in court that the situation is so bad that no attempts to reconcile can produce reconciliation, so now the Legislature says, take it to court and let a judge compel that mother who is trying to rear her child to let this meddling old busybody intrude into that family relationship...

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and spread more havoc where her son has already created an almost intolerable situation. This Legislature ought to think sometimes about the reality that they often speak about. The case does not have to be won. This old meddling bat merely has to go in court and drag that mother before the judge, make her hire a lawyer and go through all kinds of expense and mental trauma fighting this Harpy and then the Harpy can sit there and say, I gotcha, even though she lost the case. And that is what this Legislature is talking about doing. Look how hateful some of us are in this body on occasion and we don't even have to live with each other. And you mean to tell me that it would be a situation where we would want a court to force us on somebody?