

know how many of you have a son or a daughter that has accepted that responsibility to adopt somebody else's children, but I do, and I am damn proud of him. My son took on that responsibility. He was willing to adopt somebody else's children. He was willing to be the father that they didn't have otherwise under the divorce situation. Now, are you going to say to him because he was willing to take on that responsibility that at some point in time somebody else can come to them and try to interject themselves in there because of that adversarial situation that is there? And do you think that is right? Do you think that is right to say to somebody who is trying their best to provide a family situation in places where there wasn't one...

SENATOR CARSTEN: Forty-five seconds.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...that all of a sudden here is a way to split that apart? I don't know how many of you are familiar with splitting logs, but you drive a little wedge in it and you just keep pounding on it and you can eventually split a big log. Now, what you are trying to do is do the same thing to a family that doesn't take much of a wedge to get it started. I think it is ridiculous. I think it is ridiculous to open this door to people who didn't even have the guts to get married to start with. You know, there is a difference between fathering a child and being a father. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Vickers. Senator Chambers and then Senator Smith. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, on some of these issues I get very distressed because I have seen with my own eyes situations that arise that children are placed into. The children have no volition in these matters. They have no power. They are not here by choice. They didn't have the chance to select their parents. That reminds me of a joke. I may have told it here before. But this little scrawny, spindly-legged man, men are not always what we ought to be, but this little scrawny, spindly-legged man was walking across a pasture and saw this huge prize bull, and he said, my what a magnificent specimen you are. And the bull said, if as much care had been taken in selecting your mother and father as had been selecting mine, you would be as fine a looking specimen as I am. So without any choice of parents, without any choice