

about being here, we are going to turn children into ping pong balls and tennis balls. We have, based on the language of the bill itself, an adversarial relationship of the bitterest kind. We don't know what kind of acrimonious things may have been said already, what types of vindictive actions may have been attempted, but without giving any consideration to what all of us know occur in these kind of terrible domestic situations, we are going to create for these people a forum in the courts of this state to carry on the battle with the child perhaps being the loser. Let's postulate a situation where the child may have some good feeling toward the grandparent, the child has some feeling toward his or her mother or father, whichever the case might be, and has to watch these two people at war and it is not the parent who has initiated the war, it is the grandparent. So what is going to be said by whichever adult has custody of the child at the moment about the other one? The grandparent is going to say, your mother is a mean woman. She is as mean as the devil. She might be the devil's mother and if not his mother, at least his aunt or his cousin, and the child is sitting here eating the candy that this old buzzard is feeding him and while he is being bribed, he feels, boy, grandma must be right. Mama is the devil's aunt. So he goes home and mama asks him, what did you and grandma talk about? And the child has enough savvy not to tell that, so he said, well, we didn't talk about much, we went to the show and she gave me candy and did these kind of things. And the mama knows what this person is so she is not going to pressure the child any further. So she begins to give the child the things that the child likes. And she says, you know what, the reason I don't want her coming over here and then begins to list point by point, whether true or not, the grievances she has against the grandma. So here is the child put between these two, thanks to this Legislature, which pretends to be concerned about the child, trying to pick which one to believe. One of them is lying. They don't like each other. The child likes both of them. If there was concern for the child on the part of this grandparent and the grandparent was not simply trying to use that child to fill empty hours, the grandparent would back off and say the child has to be given a chance that the child will not have if this battle continues. Does the Legislature care about that? Absolutely not. Add to that situation...

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.