

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the one we are dealing with in Senator Hoagland and Johnson's amendment where the parents of the child were not even married, so you have a two-tier war that the child is asked to be placed into. The mother does not like the father of the child who has abandoned them. The mother does not like the mother of the man who abandoned them. And the Legislature is saying that because some woman came down here and either tugged the heartstrings of Senator Johnson and Senator Hoagland, or pestered them so much that like that New Testament situation of the unjust judge where the widow kept coming back, he finally said, this woman is making me so tired I will give her what she wants, woman what do you want, just to get rid of her. But in this case, Senator Hoagland has asked the woman, what do you want? She said, I want the opportunity to ruin the life of my grandchild in the same way that I ruined the life of my son and I am going to ruin the life of the mother of my grandchild.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's what I want. And Senator Hoagland said, we will give it to you. It won't be without a struggle.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Smith, then Senator DeCamp, Labeledz and then Senator Hoagland. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will support this amendment. I think that Senator Chambers, who is an excellent story teller, could have spun another tale that could have gone the other way just as easily as the one he just told earlier, because we have many cases of grandparents who genuinely love and care for their grandchildren. I am a grandmother and I could tell you another kind of story and I am sure there are many, many grandparents that feel this way, Senator Chambers. The other thing is that this bill provides that these children will be visited only when it is in the best interests of the child. And so the court, we should give them credit for being able to make these kinds of decisions, and I will take...I am confident that that will happen. Another thing is I have a couple of questions that I would like to ask Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers, you know, you (recorder malfunction) and I think it is admirable that you have a new