

son-in-law who is willing to take the children of the former marriage, or whatever it was, but isn't it true that the father, the natural father, had to allow that to happen to give up those rights to his child?

SENATOR VICKERS: That's true.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, so there was some sort of cooperation on his part originally there then.

SENATOR VICKERS: That's true.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, the other thing is, I guess something else that hasn't been brought out here is the point that when we have parents of children that are unmarried parents, you could ask yourself the question, we keep hearing about this bad person and these bad grandparents on that side, you know, who didn't accept their responsibility, and, you know, there are probably many cases where the mother did not want to marry the father. When they were unmarried and they had a child, they decided to go their separate ways and that is why there wasn't a father in that situation. And so that is something we should keep in mind. And so I guess that I would just say that, you know, I think the bill does provide for language which would allow for providing for these things based on the concern for the child and I will support it and I hope that you folks will decide to do so also. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Senator DeCamp, I will answer it.

SENATOR DECAMP: Senator Chambers, irrespective of the merit, agreements, disagreements, or anything else on the bill, you have two amendments up there, right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR DECAMP: One is a change of the standard of evidence, right, to clear and convincing from preponderance?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.