

SENATOR LANDIS: And to protect that noncustodial...I think I have got ten minutes, Mr. Speaker, don't I, on the making of a motion?

SPEAKER NICHOL: I beg your pardon, you do.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. That noncustodial parent has not only the benefit of continual relationship but the obligation to continue to support that child. If that is the model that we are building on here, I would suggest that we do the entire picture, that if, in fact, this is for children's best interests, this language is necessary for LB 105.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker, I challenge the germaneness of Senator Landis's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...before you rule, can we talk about that?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Certainly.

SENATOR LANDIS: All right. Mr. Speaker, we are talking about the relationship of the grandparent to the child. The notion of visitation is clearly a notion that is based in the example of the divorce situation and in any decree you will find the disposition of both of these issues. I would argue that if we are talking about this list of rights, we can also talk about obligations and that just as in the real life visitation and support are part of the same package of responsibilities, so, too, in this amendment this is the legitimate object of discussion. The subject under relationship here is the legal, the legally enforceable right of a grandparent to a child and I would suggest that we can add to that and shape what that relationship will be and be germane to the subject of the relationship of grandparent to child.