

SPEAKER NICHOL: At which time?

SENATOR VICKERS: At the time when the ruling...when the 22 was established at the end of the vote, how many people were actually here?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, why don't you answer the number correctly so that I am not accused of altering the figure.

CLERK: Senator, there were...when Senator Pirsch arrived we had eight members that were unexcused...or excused, excuse me. We had eight members that were excused. Prior to Senator Pirsch's arrival, she had been excused, that was nine. That is why the total changed.

SENATOR VICKERS: So when Senator Pirsch got here there were 41 members here?

CLERK: Yes, 41 members who were unexcused.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, half of 41 is still 21, is it not? I thought it would take 44 to be...43 to be 22. I am just asking whether the addition was done right or the subtraction was done right or the division, whatever the term is. If the mathematics were done correctly, I guess, is what I am asking. And I am not accusing anybody, please understand that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, so the Clerk can't count or divide. We will change it around and we will say that you won and that it is germane. Senator Landis, go on with your proposal and I am sorry for the Clerk's mistake. Senator Landis, you are on your...and it is germane.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, what I have asked from the body is I think simple justice and no more. It is the justice that is required of a parent who loses custody of a child. It is the justice that is asked of a parent who then gains visitation to the child but who has to assume a responsibility as well as gaining that right. What is given in 105 is a right and I am asking that there accompany that right a responsibility. It is what we ask of a noncustodial parent and I see no reason why the law should create a beneficial relationship for a grandparent, one of right without responsibility when it won't do so for a parent.