

true, necessarily, because you have got to have money to raise some kids. Things have changed, obviously, since then, but this whole thing is silly, in my opinion. Have you...why don't we consider changing the law in divorce settlements so that if the father who is a malcontent, as described by Senator Chambers, can't afford to take care of the kid, we assess the grandparents, if they are able to afford it, to take care of the kid. What is the difference? What is the difference? We talked about beneficial and loving relationship. Sounds like the "Beneficial Savings and Loan and Loving", I guess, of the parents. I can't imagine what in the world would stretch a person's imagination to try to figure out an amendment such as this. Unless you can pay, you can't see, I guess. It is like paying dues to get into the racetrack, I guess, or something else. It really makes no sense at all. I think it has no place whether it is germane or not in this kind of legislation and I sure hope you beat this sucker down. It's lousy.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me just make a couple of brief comments in opposition to this. Comparing child support payments by a father to child support payments by a grandparent is apples and oranges. They are completely different concepts. And, as I indicated in my...and the Speaker was right, by the way, this is not germane, it is a totally different subject and here is why it is so different. Now, bear with me for a second. When you have a set of parents usually married, living together, they both have a legal obligation to support the child and they undertake that obligation and they carry through with that obligation. Then when there is a separation, when there is a divorce or a death or a separation and, well, a divorce, and the father leaves the household, he carries that legal obligation with him but it is a legal obligation he has by virtue of being a parent. Now, the grandparents have no legal obligation to support the children under Nebraska law, under the law in most states, and they never have. And what Senator Landis is going to...his amendment proposes is very different conceptually because he is saying that we are going to take a grandparent who out here has...who is sitting out here on the sideline and has no legal obligation to support the child until, as Senator Lynch suggests, he or