

you can't see a child until you can pay for the child. It says that in the event there is visitation, they may order it. This is not a matter of buying a ticket but it is a matter where a child's necessities aren't being paid for. A grandparent who has muscled their way into this visitation relationship might then be a potential guarantor. There is nothing about can't see and can't pay in the language at all and I would suggest for the body rather than to accept that characterization from it, you actually read the language. It is not anything other than permissive language that allows a court to make an award, just as a court may award when it needs to for a child's best interests support from a noncustodial parent. This is a tricky, tricky, difficult area and if you think that this is a problem, if you are unwilling to do this, then I ask you to go back and say to yourself, are you willing to impose visitation and if so, what is the difference? Why are you willing to impose visitation but not the potential permissive requirement of support when a child's necessities aren't being met? And I would suggest to you that probably your reason is because grandparents vote and children don't, because the grandparents sit up in these galleries and send you letters and say, we are watching you. And they say, give me, give me this right, let me go to court, let me take a recalcitrant son-in-law to court and obtain visitation to the children. If you grant one, logically you should grant the other. If you choose not to grant the one, which I understand, I ask you to think about why you are granting the other. And, unfortunately, I think it will come down to raw, political power that is the only rational distinction between the two and why this body will rush to give grandparents one set of rights but they won't give them the same obligations that they require parents who are in exactly the same situation. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Landis amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?