

the courtroom as well?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hall, for the legislative record because I worked with Senator Scofield on this, the idea is to make sure that the testimony is preserved. The aim of the bill is to hold the prosecutor to that videotaping once it is done, not to say, do the videotaping then take another shot and require courtroom testimony. If the determination is made that the child cannot testify in court for the reasons laid down in the bill and the video is taken, the prosecutor cannot later on say, well, I have changed my mind and I want to go to court. That is the intent of the bill and I want that clearly in the record and I think Senator Scofield will support that. But the other one of allowing an additional videotaping was to cover the possibility, unless I am mistaken, of something happening to the original...

SENATOR HALL: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...video and it would become necessary to redo it but not to allow a succession of sessions where a child would be put to a worse wringer...or through a worse wringer taking videos than if he or she were required to testify once in court. So maybe you would want to ask Senator Scofield to see whether I am correctly representing her intentions also.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, I am sure that you talked to Senator Scofield and I trust you entirely. Unlike one of my predecessors, I don't think you are a lawless person. But what I would say is that, to summarize, Senator Chambers, is...the intent of the bill is to give the prosecutors a one-time shot only and I think that we are moving in that direction but we may need to come back next year and clear that up. The different states have done different things in this area. There has been an Attorney General's Opinion that has come out that said there is no problem constitutionally. I am not an attorney but it is, in my opinion, a weak opinion. Sure. I would say that there are some things that need to be looked at. I would not at this time urge the body to not vote to advance this bill because I think something needs to be done in this area and I think Senator Scofield has worked very hard toward this. And with that, I would give Senator Scofield a minute of my time.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Hall. I am going to yield to Senator Chambers simply for a point of clarification, agreeing and appreciating Senator Chambers and your help on