

in the first marriage and while it is true my second wife and I are both working and we have got an income, I don't think it is fair that I should have to support all of my children, those in the first marriage and the second marriage. And that is what a man is saying or a woman when they get married a second time. They will say many times, well, I have got a second wife now and I have got a second family, and some of them have three. That's fine, but should we let them off the hook by just reproducing and reproducing and reproducing and say, if I keep this up long enough, I won't have to support any of those children that I sired. That is what this amendment or this part of the bill is designed to do. I don't support the Vard Johnson amendment. And I know Vard is looking at it from a legal technicality or a legal point and I am looking at it from a moral point. And I would hope that we would vote today on the basis of morality and as long as we don't adopt the Johnson amendment it will be legal too. So I am hoping we will exercise our best moral judgment in this. I think that when a woman marries a man who has been married before, she does so with the understanding and the knowledge her husband has an obligation, a moral and a legal obligation to those children of that first marriage. And if they choose to have children in the second marriage, I hope she realizes if he doesn't want to support the children from the first marriage, she has got a slim chance in hell that if he divorces her, he will support her children too. So I would urge the body not to accept this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Beutler. Actually, I have it of the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of Judiciary. I assume that they must have some remote involvement with this legislation. Is the Chairman of Judiciary...could you turn it up so I can hear it too?

PRESIDENT: Is Senator Beutler or Senator Chambers here?

SENATOR DECAMP: No, no, no, the Chairman of Judiciary is...are you, Senator Beutler, are you Chairman now? Or what's his name?

PRESIDENT: No, Senator Hoagland is Chairman.