

injected into that relationship there cannot be love. It is impossible when you have hostility, Senator Lynch, to say that the court, by forcing these two warring factions together, will do away with that hostility and the parent-child relationship will not be disturbed. The terms of the bill, that are designed to do away with opposition, show you that the bill is unnecessary in those situations where a proper and good relationship has developed between the grandparent and the grandchild and the parents of the child. We cannot ignore the parents of the child. Remember this, all you old people, such as myself, our children may become adults but they don't cease to be our children. So if we're talking about the rights of children, then our children, who are the parents of our grandchild, have rights also. They are being completely dropped from the equation, and you are taking a grandchild, a generation removed from the one trying to intrude into the relationship, and elevating his or her rights over the rights of the parent. This is not good policy. The bill cannot work. If you have a warring parent and a grandparent before a judge, and the judge has any concern for the child at all, there is no way this bill is going to be used to force those parents to let the grandparent into that situation. If Senator Lynch and others get up and argue but you may have a situation where that hostility doesn't exist, then you don't need this bill. You don't have loving grandparents going into court, dragging the family, the parents of this grandchild they profess to love so much into court. It is a bill which allows the venting of vindictiveness and bitterness, because even if the judge, in his wisdom or her wisdom, will not allow visitation rights, the grandparents have gotten even with the parents of the child by dragging them into court and putting them to whatever expense is entailed to protect their family's integrity from this meddling. Remember, the provision of this bill don't have to be complied with before a person can drag the family unit into court. These provisions have to be complied with before they can win a total victory. So here is Senator DeCamp, got some grandparents. His children have grandparents and they don't like Senator DeCamp, so they are going to fix him by taking him to court, or fix me by taking me to court, and we go through all of this agony, all the allegations and everything that can be said, and the judge says first of all there is no relationship...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.