

I would assume that we would continue to work with the sponsors to try and find perhaps acceptable language and I commend Senator Nichol for getting up there first so that he can do the closing on this one.

PREISDENT: Senator Nichol, you may close on your amendment. Senator Chambers, did you have your light on again? All right he did. His light is on. Senator Chambers, I thought that the light was still on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: At the risk of wearying the Legislature, I have to make another appeal for the children. To my way of thinking if even the insurance companies give us in excess of sixty years and the Bible gives us three score and ten, which would be seventy, I don't see how anything that would kill a child can be considered a natural cause. It is not natural for a child to die. We should not accept the idea that death in a child is natural. We might say that statistically that there are certain things that will cause children to die, that there are other instances of death where the cause can not be determined but we should not accept the concept of a natural cause of death in a child, and if we do refuse to accept that, it means that whenever a child dies we will inquire into the cause of it. Because the children are the future. The children are the only thing that some people really have that they can contribute to this world. We should hope that the children will always become better than what we are. That is not to say that we are not good. But every society should learn and it should build on those who went before. It should not repeat the same mistakes and the errors and the blunders. So if we restrict what I have just said to the treatment of children and their ailments or the things that will kill them, we might find that the greatest killer of children would be adults, parents, and John Bernard Shaw, George Bernard Shaw said the ones most unfit to be...the ones unfit to have children are the parents. In a lot of cases that turns out to be the truth. Senator Nichol and Senator Fowler, I don't know that you can draft any language for an amendment like this that would be acceptable to me, so if the only thing that they are trying to do in delaying is to obtain my agreement you may as well adopt the amendment. I'm not going to agree to anything that makes it possible, no matter how slight the possibility, that a child could be abused or mistreated and because some social welfare agency is too busy or because the family is prominent or because as in the case of Omaha of a young black infant girl, there just was not enough concern, a child will be placed in the ground with no determination as to what caused that child to die. I will oppose this amendment no matter how it is drafted. If a child dies, how can you say that there was a natural cause without an examination? So, the amendment would be totally unworkable even