

child, and I think before we take that kind of a step we need to have a much broader public hearing than this bill has had. Now my amendment would narrowly remove the instance of one parent being deceased as being grounds to initiate this kind of an action. That is the first thing it does and it brings the statute down a little bit more, confines it to the area of dissolution of marriage proceedings of a divorce problem. All right, now the other thing that my amendment does is it does not permit the grandparents whose child has custody of the child to come in and file an action. For instance, if we have a situation where my wife and I have children and we get divorced, and I have custody of the children, the way Senator Johnson's amendment is written now, my parents could take me into court to get visitation of the children I have custody over. Now I think that is going too far. I think it is one thing to say that my wife's parents can take me to court if I have custody of the kids, but to say that my own parents can take me to court if I have custody of the kids is really, again, it is a major fundamental change in this whole set of legal relationships that I really don't think that any of us intend to set on an ear the way this particular bill does. So I would ask at this time that these two specific amendments be adopted which will narrow the scope of the bill a little bit more and make it a little bit more palatable from my point of view. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: Before the next speaker, I would like to have the privilege of introducing Miss Anna Rzewnicki from West Point, Nebraska, a guest of Senator Chronister, under the south balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please? In the north balcony from Senator George and Senator Chronister's District we have forty Junior 4-H leaders from Washington County and Cuming County. Debra Schroeder, Cuming County Home Agent is the sponsor. Will you stand so we can recognize you, please? Thank you, and I understand Debbie used to be a Page here. Congratulations to you. Senator Stoney is next, please.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, as co-introducer of this proposal I rise in opposition to Senator Hoagland's amendment, and I do appreciate and respect the concern that he has as an individual. But let me just say that when Senator Johnson consulted with both Senator Nichol and myself, we considered at least a portion of the amendment that is being offered, and through discussion with Senator Johnson, who I would like to say I admire and appreciate his taking the time to study case law on this proposal,