

compassion, we applaud ourselves and pat ourselves on the back for doing something great and then wonder why our children look at us with such contempt, why they tell us we don't have anything to say that they will listen to, because everything we do is designed to hurt, to punish, to constrain. This resolution, if I were to vote on it as the body is going to consider bills that relate to our children, I would have to vote against it. But I do, in fact, see the logic of "Baron" Hefner's argument. And money raised from this source should not be used to reduce the general deficit of the country. So I'm going to vote aye on this resolution. And I just wish...Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have, because I don't want to go over.

PRESIDENT: About a minute and a half.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can finish in that amount of time. I wish that I were able to cast those kind of votes that others in this body seem to be able to cast with such ease, a vote to show your anger or your dislike or to get even. I would put a no vote on this resolution just to make a point, and as a protest against the way our children are treated by this Legislature. But I'm unable to do that. I will have to wait until that issue comes before us, give my arguments which are going to be futile,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...try to reach legislators who are unreachable when it comes to the welfare of our children, and go down like those airplanes in flames. But I think the issue that I'm talking about has to be raised again and again and again, not just in the context of what do cruel people, who happen to be foster parents, do to our children, but what do we as legislators do to our children, what message do we give them when we impose laws on them that we would not dare apply to anybody else or any other segment of society. I will support this resolution. Senator Wesely is not going to vote against it because there would be too much heat if he did. And I've watched Senator Wesely, so he's going to speak against it, but he's not going to vote against it. And I think, after listening to all these arguments, he'll probably vote for it. Senator Wesely, welcome to....He's shaking his head no. Are you going to vote against it?

PRESIDENT: The time is up.