

the present conduct of those who will be given power under the laws that we are about to enact. If we have confidence that those people are properly trained and that they are dedicated in their job and are looking out for the interest of the child, there is no court in the land that would say, if it's in the best interest of a child to be removed, the child would not be removed. The question develops when we make a determine of what is in the best interest of the child. My home could be one where I teach my children about slavery. I show them where we're discriminated against in trying to get jobs. They see me bitter because I tell them I've walked till my shoes are run-over and I go to these places to get this job and the white people refuse to hire me even though I have the qualification and more so of or than the one who was hired.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm supportive of Senator Scofield's efforts here, but I do want to continue to hear what Senator Ernie Chambers has to say and I'll give him my time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To continue, the smaller children have teenage brothers and sisters who go to high school and have white classmates and there are these jobs open in the summer for students, and he sees, or she, older siblings go apply for the same jobs as their white classmates. Then they come home looking blue after a number of days talking to me, the parent, and say, I went and applied the same times they did and they got jobs and I didn't. The reason I know, because they asked me why I'm not at work, and then I tell them, see, your complexion, that's what it is. So a social worker comes into the home and says, I don't like what you're teaching your children. You're teaching them hatred, you're teaching them racism, you're teaching them this is a bad country, this is a bad society, you don't have a wholesome environment for your children. And I say, my children have to survive in this society and my job as a parent is to tell them the truth and alert them to the problems they are going to have, and if I don't do that, I'm not a proper parent. And they say, well, in our opinion at the department, that is not going to produce a well-adjusted child who views himself as an American first. And then the argument continues, if he were viewed as an American first, I wouldn't have this