

what's your story, well, this is how you should say that, there is no assistance in small claims and there is no provisions for it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis, I'm sorry, time has expired.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Weihing, please, followed by Senators Ashford and Wesely.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the body, I will speak very briefly and then I will ask to turn this over to Senator Bernard-Stevens, but I'm going to make a point with regards to laws as I was talking before. Laws are...do not have feeling. Laws themselves, we make these laws. We are a litigious to society. We tend to use the courts more than any other nation in the world by far, and when something isn't going our way, we're going to sue you or we're going to have a law made and this is what we tend to do always. And if we're going to make laws, we must do that so that they have compassion. Laws themselves do not have compassion. But when they are taken to court or when they are instituted, oftentimes compassion is not really there. I don't know the real answer to a case that has happened during the time I've been here within the Legislature but it was here in Lincoln and I remember reading about it in the paper and it was a boy who had been raised by a family up to, maybe nine, ten years old, who knew only those people who had been raising him. And the parent or parents decided that they wanted the child and there had not been the full changeover as far as adoption or whatever it was. The child was ripped and taken to an entirely new setting and the compassion and there was tremendous concern I know on the people up here in Lincoln. I use it only as an example. I may have some of that in error, but what I am talking about is compassion, and when we start having these laws, we must think of compassion of the person. And with that, I'd ask that this be turned over, the rest of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens if he wishes to have that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Weihing. I knew you wouldn't be able to do that just in a minute once you got going, but I, of all people, can relate to that. One of the