

dress and paddle the bared buttocks. And if you could see the pictures, the films of some of the grievous injuries inflicted on children through these barbaric practices, you would understand that when they talk about paddling, in school, it is a euphemism for brutality. There is no need for any adult to raise violent hands against a child. I had four children. My wife had four children, we had four children. My children are all grown. Never, never did I spank, paddle, shake, jerk, or in any way use physical force against my children. First of all, the physical disparity is so great that there is no contest. Should my child have enough gumption to try to stand up to me, there is no way in a fight that my child could win. Obviously, I'm not viewing my child as the production of myself and my potential for immortality through that child and the children of those children, and so forth, I'm viewing that child as an object. So I never did that. I had the kind of relationship, with my children, where they did not want to displease me, not because I was going to holler at them, or tell them, you're not going to get to eat food, I didn't believe in that. I felt that I had to show my children what a father is supposed to be. A father, based on my concept, was to show love and consideration to his children. I walked through the neighborhood with my children, I took them on bus rides, I played games with them, I read to them, told them stories, and as a result developed the relationship where I could use words to make them understand when their conduct was displeasing or inappropriate. I was not paid to do it. When we hire people to be over our children, and I'm not just talking about the children of our loins now, but all children, we should require that those individuals be able to use reason, because that's what teaching is to be about. Children learn from what they see and what they experience. And, if we teach them by means of violence that certain things are to be done, there's no need in talking about nonviolent solutions to problems. The teacher knows everything, so what the teacher does is the way the work is to be done, and I disregard what is being said. I think this amendment is appropriate. It will bring into conformity with the existing state law, as it relates to public schools, any of those educational institutions that want to be allowed to gain the benefits under Senator Hall's amendment. Ordinarily, I would oppose an amendment such as his, but I told him, frankly, that this provision has such merit that if it is adopted, and I see such a strong need for it, I will support Senator Hall's amendment, because to me instead of his amendment being a huge horse carrying a little jockey, I will see...