

the problems that are caused because of the waiting period to innumerable people are great. And for those few people who are in that situation, it is probably cheaper to remarry and get your lawyer to...than to get your lawyer to go back and enter a decree anyway to vacate the previous decree. So there is another alternative for those few people who might be affected. In any event, I hope that I've given you the picture, and I hope Senator Kristensen...maybe perhaps Senator Kristensen, from his practical experience, could build on that foundation. I hope you will give this very serious consideration because I think we are way out of step with what other states do, with what people in this state think is a...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...reasonable expectation, and, certainly, with what makes sense, with what is common sense. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I will now recognize Senator Crosby followed by Senators Kristensen and Lindsay. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, and I apologize for my deficiency before. I turned my light on on the wrong amendment. Now I am with it. Senator Beutler, I appreciate your explanation. You were so concise and gave me all the...answered a lot of my questions and I want to be sure I understood the amendment correctly because I have some feelings about the divorce laws in general and the child support thing that concerned me, and especially with this amendment, and I know you bring it in good faith because I heard what you said about the fact that most people don't go back together after the six months; and the problems during that six months and each person trying to negotiate and live and build up a life alone. But one of the things I have been concerned about for years, and it is not just in Nebraska, but I think the no-fault divorce law has hurt women and children badly, and probably men, too. Why do I say just women and children's? I think it has hurt the family because it made it so much simpler to get a divorce. I like the idea of the longer initial period at the beginning to be longer, but one of the things that concerns me about eliminating the six months is that people do run out and get remarried too quickly, and I will remember that Oprah Winfrey Show about a year ago when our then county attorney was on it and some former wives and former husbands, and it was about