

followed by Senators Lindsay, Senator Beutler, and Moore. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. When you do a number of divorces, you think you have seen it all until you do your next divorce, and then you see one more scenario that you never dreamed would ever occur, and the behavior that oftentimes accompanies that. And maybe that is an argument for keeping the six months, but one of the arguments, at least, that was always given to me as you go through law school in particular with divorces is, well, that six-month period of time is there for the people to also reconsider, and that they could come back in and have their decree, basically, overturned, done away with, if you will, and they could go back to blissful marriage. In ten years, I have had that happen once that I can remember, and I think that we are now in the process of redoing that one and doing the divorce for the second time. May be good for the legal practice but doesn't particularly make good public policy for doing that. Where I think the time periods are so crucial is in the front end, and that is the cooling off period when you file that. Anger, jealousy, all those human emotions that occur with divorces lead people to do irrational things quickly, file for divorce, I'm going to divorce you, I'm leaving you, I get out of this house, I am taking the kids and I am gone. Then in a couple of weeks, they get lonely, or in a couple of weeks she decides that maybe the world isn't quite as bad as it was, and oftentimes we'll file divorces, and during that 60-day period of time, you will kind of get a feel for whether you think those people are going to actually go through with it or not. Maybe you wait to get all your fee paid sometimes during that period of time, but, in any event, I think that it is okay policy to extend it on the front end. And, thus, Senator Crosby, that is one of the...you had some concerns that I had when I talked to Senator Beutler about doing this, and that is one of the reasons for having the 90 days instead of the 60 days, I guess, is that I am more concerned about the original marriage, because that usually is the problem at hand. The six-month waiting period after that, for all practical purposes, you have to wait 30 days for the judgment and whether there would be an appeal possible to do that. And I don't know, most of my clients that come in have no idea that there is a six-month waiting period at the other end, you know, and they kind of come in and they have a lot of reasons. They may not tell me, and I really don't care why they are getting a divorce because we have a no-fault state, you