

the family court, was to pull out these fights from the normal judicial system. It's going to save court time because the experience clearly establishes in other states that it works and that these custody cases do not go to trial. I also handed out a sheet that shows some of the experience of other states. Seventy-nine percent of...in the Denver custody mediation project, which is a parenting plan project in Denver, seventy-five...nine percent of those who have gone through the program have complied with it and it has worked, and then this sheet has more information on the other states that have gone forward with this type of program. So, in conclusion, this bill will...really makes absolutely no difference if it's entirely voluntary. If it's not going...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ..to work we might as well not do it and with that I guess we'll go to the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. We are completed with time. We do have amendments to the committee amendments on the desk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senators Landis and Kriscensen would move to amend the committee amendments. (See AM3577 as found on page 1574 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Just before Senator Landis begins, may I...these amendments are clearly divisible and I, at this time, would it be appropriate if I would ask that they be divided? Section 6 of the...of Senator Landis's amendments deal with the voluntary nature of the process and the rest of the amendment deals with the mediation and I would just ask that those be divided so we can deal with each one of them. That'd be quicker, I think, because I do agree with part of it and then Section 6 dealing with the voluntary nature of it is a separate issue.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: And I would agree to the idea of that division. I think you'll find the portion that Senator Ashford is concerned about on page 1574, starts in line...the second,