

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if a person is cited for contempt, he or she is likely to get a lawyer, isn't that true?

SENATOR ASHFORD: You know, I don't know, Senator Chambers. That's...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May...would a prudent person get a lawyer?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I suppose they would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does this create an opportunity for a lawyer to be involved? I'll ask it like that.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Now, if the person is advised by his or her lawyer after appearing before the court that they should attend this session, do you think after having been cited for contempt and being compelled to purge himself or herself from contempt, of contempt or go to jail that anything in this mediation process is going to be productive?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Very, I'm sure that would be a very small percentage of the cases, Senator Chambers, and I doubt if it would be productive at that point, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the person still under the requirements of the law would have to attend in order purge himself or herself of contempt. Isn't that true?

SENATOR ASHFORD: And that's...I think that's good that they would and, yes, they probably would have to go and that's good that they have to go because we're thinking of the children here, Senator Chambers, not the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ..parties.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members, I hope you listened to that exchange, which you probably didn't. You are creating additional causes for court action which will generate further acrimony and hostility. Now let me ask some questions. Senator Ashford, you're on this bill. Who else is on it with you?