

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Rasmussen and Senator Will are on it. Look at the bill here and see what we've got.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Chizek, who doesn't happen to be here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, while I have you, Senator Ashford, have you ever been divorced?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Just once, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You have been? Seriously, have you been?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah, just once.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. Senator Rasmussen, may I ask you a question?

SENATOR ASHFORD: So I probably don't have enough information to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you ever been divorced?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Rasmussen says no. Senator Will. Senator Will. Everybody is answering "no" for him. Now I have been divorced. Here are people who don't even know what they're talking about trying to tell us how we ought to conduct ourselves in these situations. Now fortunately my divorce was not acrimonious. There were no problems with child support, visitation or anything else, but the fact is had some third party tried to stick his or her nose in my personal affairs, perhaps I would have been facing not contempt but maybe some degree of homicide. See, one of the things you don't want in this situation is busybodiness, which is what Senator Ashford wants to do here. But let me ask him another question. Come on back, Senator Ashford. On page 4, at line 24, you said this is not obligatory. Line 24, once one of the parties asks for this mediation or a lawyer or the court, line 24 says each party shall have an individual personal interview. Is that mandatory? Is it obligatory?