

that information known, but maybe Senator Chambers is talking about domestic abuse as well. In any event, I don't know and I can't tell from the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam Chair, members of the body, I...I think Senator Ashford has pretty much summarized my feeling as far as this particular amendment offered by Senator Chambers. Maybe this is something we could look to on Select File but, at this time, there's...it's very unclear as to how this would...what kind of impact this would have on the bill and so, for that reason, I plan on voting against the amendment and maybe reexamine it for Select File. I urge the body to do likewise.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam Chair. I am supporting this bill and I have an amendment that I may bring on Select File because I think most of you know that children, families and women and men and all of their social problems are particularly close to my heart. I rise now to speak about what was said about the case where the...where Judge Wright just issued his opinion and that the father, on the weekends, does not have to take the children to Mass. I have no objection to that opinion. He was interpreting the law the way he sees it. But what I would like to say, and perhaps I should have asked for a point of personal privilege, is please, if you don't understand the Catholic faith, don't say things about the Mass, which is the central part of our faith. The Eucharist and the receiving of communion, the recreation of the Last Supper and of Christ's death and our redemption is the central part of the Catholic faith. Again I say, if you don't understand it, all right. I don't understand it always, but it means a lot to those of us who embrace that faith. I do not consider it a punishment that I grew up and went to Mass, went to Mass almost every day when I was a child. My children, I've never heard them say they thought it was a punishment. My grandchildren don't think it's a punishment. My four-year-old granddaughter right now complains only because during Lent they don't say the Alleluia. She likes the Alleluia. So all I'm asking, if you don't understand, all right, but please do not insult the Mass. Again I say, it's the central part of our faith, and whether or not the judge thinks they have to go or not, the habit of growing up and going to Mass is what makes our faith strong. You continue