

to sit down with Senator Crosby and she with me, or the Clerk has to encourage us to, or the Speaker, to work this out. What the Speaker would say is you got two grown people there. I'm not going to get involved in that. But two people who are less disposed, perhaps, to come together have nevertheless agreed that, if this is really going to benefit our children, we'll try it, and then they find out after they get into this setting all of these specific things that are laid out in this statute that they have to talk about and maybe some of these were the very things that created the problem that they confront in the first place. Why was it necessary to make this bill so detailed? There are people who want it to pass and, in its present form, I don't want it to pass. In the same way that Senator Ashford and others are going to resist amendments that they think are not suitable for their purposes, I'm going to resist the parts of the bill that I think are not suitable and I think what I'm giving is a better argument for what I do than they give for not doing it. Senator Ashford said he doesn't know what underlying statutes I'm talking about when I mention this stuff about abuse. I'm not the one to be asked that question. The language about abuse is in Senator Ashford's bill, so all...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..Senator Ashford has to do is tell us what he was talking about. What abuse does he mean? Am I being asked now, in order to get consideration of an amendment, to be a mind reader and tell you what Senator Ashford meant? All he would have had to do was stand here and tell us what he meant by abuse, which is in his bill and which I'm trying to amend out. I hope you will look at this amendment. It's not the one that's on your desk. That's a different one and I wrote it out because it could be confusing if I try to just state it. The one I'm talking about now is on page 7 and it removes the language in lines 15, 16 and 17 that would require a mediator to reveal information about abuse that came to his or her attention during this process.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby. There's no one else wishing to be recognized at this point, so I'll recognize Senator Chambers for closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President. I thought I heard a male voice say "you're welcome". I said Madam President. Anyway, I'm not through with this bill and I'm not