

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why have an additional layer of bureaucracy built into the criminal justice...well, into the judicial system in that manner?

SENATOR DAY: Well, Senator Chambers, what we hear is the difficulty of getting into court, of going all through this, having to hire an attorney. We're trying to alleviate that on the individuals so they can fill out the information and go before the referee. So it's really done for the benefit of those individuals who are trying to change something within either their visitation or their child support.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose one person has money and the other doesn't and the one with money decides to exhaust the other one, so let's it go on through this refereeing process and take whatever time and extract whatever agony can be extracted and then goes into District Court. That can be done, can't it?

SENATOR DAY: Yes, it could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And while that is being done, what happens to the issue that was being dealt with?

SENATOR DAY: The visitation interference? I am sure that nothing is going to be happening with it then. I would ask you, what's happening with it now if we don't have this process?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, this is yours to solve the problem. Nothing would be changed then, everything would go on as it had been prior to the entry into the refereeing process and into District Court. Is that correct?

SENATOR DAY: I think there would be individual cases that that would be true. I think the majority of cases would be handled by the referee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Day, do you know why this provision relative to visitation was added to this bill?

SENATOR DAY: Well, I think part of the reason, Senator Chambers, was the same day that this bill was heard in committee we had another bill on visitation and we had a lot of noncustodial parents there that were very upset about the non...the interference of visitation. I think all of us have