

to prosecute for child support, free legal services. What's happened is there's free legal services on the one side but in families of limited resources the noncustodial parent doesn't have the financial resources to enter the system and get the same kind of attention to the visitation problem as the custodial parent got to the child support problem. What Senator Day is saying, with her amendment, is let's think about appointing some referees that can deal with visitation in 1997 and let's provide for standard forms that people can fill out to get access to the courts. That's the important part of this, getting access to the courts for these people so they can have a fair determination on the question of visitation. And so that is the path suggested and that will make a big difference because what's currently happening is that a large number of these people simply don't have access to the courts at all because they can't afford it, or if they afford it once, they can't afford to be continually taking visitation back to the courts in instances where the custodial parent is continually violating the visitation provisions that are in the court decree. And if this were a problem that could be solved by the current system, by the current contempt proceedings that we have, it would have been solved. But that involves a judge's time as opposed to a referee's time. It's more expensive. The judges don't like to do it. It has not been an effective way to deal with these matters. And so the referee system that has worked pretty well on the child support is being suggested to you that we look at that in an expanded form in terms of dealing with visitation so that we can take these two issues together and look at single families and say, hey, are you doing what you're supposed to do and looking at the other parent and saying, are you doing what you're supposed to do, both of which are critical for the children, both of which are critical for the children, and getting us started on that path. So if you don't like any enforcement of visitation. Senator Day's amendment is better than the Judiciary Committee amendments. But I would hope that you're willing to take a look at visitation because it has been a persistent problem and a source of some inequity in this area, I believe. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I just want to respond to some of the questions that have been brought up, and I've gotten some additional information. One of the things on visitation interference that I think we need to