

payment of support...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...that costs us some money. I'd urge that we bracket the bill until June 2nd.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Kristensen has just been giving me all sorts of good lines to use. One of the lines he thought would be good to use, now whether or not he supported it or not we didn't get to that far, but he said, you know, look, in the old days, we just had ten commandments, ten laws. And, gee, we couldn't do it under the ten laws, and we are about 29,000 laws later and we still haven't been able to do it, maybe we should go back to the original ten and see if we can strike a balance at that particular point. But we didn't get any further about how that amendment is going to be offered. Senator Kristensen said I will work with you later on that proposal, and it will be written in stone, Senator Kristensen said. I appreciate that. Senator Day, I am not...this isn't in the form of a question, but this whole idea of saying that visitation and child support are not linked, it is just not a valid argument anymore. They were inextricab...I cannot even say the word, they were very closely linked when the Committee on Judiciary said that the only way your bill is coming out for discussion is if you put the visitation portion in. That is the only way your bill got out of committee. That is how linked the bills are. Now if we would, for some reason, not go with the bracket motion and we would then get to a vote later on, which I don't think we are going to do on the bill, at least not this year, but even if we do, one of the amendments I think would be a fairer amendment would be the one that says, look, let's do an amendment in the bill that you have now that gives the court the discretion to suspend child support payments on visitation violations. Let's go ahead and even the playing field, and say if a "deadbeat" out there is not making child support payment, if the other deadbeat in the formula is not allowing visitations, let's even the field. She doesn't get the money if they don't have the visitations. Let's do that, and then we are being fair. Don't tell me that those issues aren't linked. They are linked, very closely linked. I suspect you wouldn't agree with that