

oppose the bracket motion and, Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the keeping support and visitation on a separate issue, that is something the Supreme Court has told us. Support and visitation are separate issues. You cannot put support based on visitation. You cannot put visitation based on support. And as far as linking them, the only way that I see that anybody wants to link them is putting them under the same agency, and I don't understand that, if that is what the big deal is here, that this should go under the Department of Social Services. I, personally, think that it serves better under the courts, which is what we adopted in my amendment. There is a lot of generalization that has gone on here today, and I've been accused of saying every noncustodial parent is a deadbeat dad. That is not what I believe. There are those that have the means to pay their child support, and they are not. Those are the ones I want to go after, but this generalization has gotten turned around, that all women are taking and denying visitation rights. You know, neither one of us has, as sexes, has the market cornered on being jerks. There are on both sides, and they are there. There are women who deny visitation rights, and there are many men who refuse to pay their child support. I would like that every man would like to see their child. You know, a lot of them don't. So if they don't want to see their child, then they don't have to pay support? I don't understand how we can link these two together in that way, and I think it is very important we look at this. We can't solve every individual problem with child support and visitation because everyone is different, everyone has a different situation. We have to craft a law that will do the best we can and be as fair as we can to all people. Don't generalize, because you have had a few noncustodial parents, I have had them come and I agree there is problem with visitation interference. I am not trying to belittle it. But because some of them have, it doesn't mean everyone has. I was married to a noncustodial parent, I am married to a noncustodial parent. We never had any problem with visitation. We paid child support. I think there are probably others on this floor that can say the same thing. It is not a problem in every case. We need something to address those where there is a problem. We talk about this money, I still go back, this is a bill for children and women. I won't give up on that. We are not dealing just with ADC cases, where the state gets all the money. Remember, if we enact our welfare reform, that's going to be two years. If they are a IV-D case, and anyone can go in and fill out an application to be a IV-D case to help get child support, then they get all the money, goes back to that