

one, and as it passes back and forth on the two sides, and the feelings are running real hot and heavy, maybe it is a bill that needs to be bracketed until we can work out what's going on, maybe not till June 2nd or 3rd, whatever it is, Senator Bernard-Stevens, but it is definitely one that is going to need some more work, and it doesn't seem to be getting done here on the floor. We have to come together with some consensus, and all this floor is doing right now, as I see it, is drawing a line and you are either on one side or the other. And if we get a bill that passes, and you are on the side of the line where the bill passes, and it is not a good bill, I don't think you want that. I think we've got to come together and do what needs to be done, and that can't be done, as I am seeing it, on this floor on this bill. It has got to be worked out, and in that case, I am sorry to say this, Senator Day, but I am going to support the bracket motion .

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Bernard-Stevens, yours is the last light, would you like to close? No? Okay, you may have another five.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. In talking with some of the attorneys here in the body, I wanted to make a comment first on Senator Day's comment about the Supreme Court, and to my knowledge, and, again, I am not a lawyer, but from those I've talked to and the little knowledge that I have, we don't have anything in the Constitution that guarantees the constitutional right of child support payments or visitation rights. It is not in the Constitution, but they have made some decisions on linking of the two in my understanding of those decisions that is mostly based on common law, but that does not negate the Legislature's ability to make statutory law. And if we make statutory law, then the cases and the decisions will be different. There is no constitutional guarantee so statutory law would have a major impact, and that's what we are talking about here. So the Supreme Court decisions, in my judgment, on the decisions they made and the rationale they used are correct, as Senator Day puts it, but she does not go far enough because they are not applicable to what we are about to do. If you set the statutory law that the change...the decisions may be a lot different, but this body has concerned itself with policy, not necessarily what the Supreme Court may or may not do. One of the things that Senator Schimek talked about that I agreed with, on the divorces that all of us have experienced, either first hand and/or second