

different and separate from nonpayment of child support. And the noncustodial parent I met with who has never been late on a child support payment just had to go to court, you know, on a visitation right, and it cost him \$1,000 to go to court on a visitation right. You know I think that noncustodial parent has a real issue with that and we need to look at ways to get some of those things solved rather, and I liked the idea of the referee rather than having to hire an attorney and go to court and a lot of people couldn't afford to do that. But...so I like the idea of separating the two issues. I clearly think they're different and I thank you for bringing the amendment and I support the Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers. Excuse me, Senator, you've spoken three times. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I just want to make one comment. I swore to myself over the weekend that I was done talking about visitation, would talk about the merits of the bill, but I do have to just make one comment I guess in response to what Senator Bohlke just mentioned. And that is simply my belief that as it stands now, we're not doing anything on the visitation side except maybe leading people down the primrose path a little bit because the referee system that we're talking about is not administrative. Don't fool yourselves into thinking that you're going to get by without an attorney or you're going to get by without that \$1,000 cost. It's still there. And all it does is adds another layer of hearings before you get to the hearing. We might be better off without the referee system. We might be better off with, or excuse me, the noncustodials might be better off without the referee system because the way it stands now you file that application to try to get, alleging visitation interference. The referee has a hearing. The referee makes a recommendation, it's not binding, they make a recommendation which then goes to the district court. The district court would then have a hearing to hear objections to that report and then would either accept or reject those recommendations. The purpose of the referee is simply to reduce the workload of the district court judge. It is not to make anything easier on the noncustodial parents. So as it stands, I don't think we've done anything except maybe increase the cost for noncustodial parents. I just think it's as written, I don't like that portion of it. That's why initially when it was drafted it was