

the Chambers amendment is fine as far as I'm concerned. I do hope that we will, however, hold to the remainder of the visitation provisions because what is left in the bill is all we're doing for the noncustodial parents and what we are doing, although it doesn't go all the way for them in terms of helping them get a hearing completely without cost, it's an important first step forward, I think, for this reason. Because the bill as it would remain after the Chambers amendment would still allow a noncustodial parent to use forms prepared by the court, an affidavit form and a filing form, to themselves, for themselves without a lawyer to file that. That will get them before a referee in places where there is a referee and of course there are provisions in the bill looking to situations where there is no referee. If there is no referee, this gets them before a judge. Now at that point the custodial parent can choose to come in herself, if we're dealing with a typical situation, and the two of them can sit there before a referee or before a judge and discuss the matter. Or the custodial parent may choose to have an attorney represent her. Now, if that situation is created, then obviously the noncustodial parent is at a disadvantage again. However, there are a couple practical sides to that that I think are important. First of all, if you're dealing with referees I think the referee will seek out on his or her own motion the necessary information and tend to allow both sides to tell their story in an adequate manner. And it may not be, depending on how you structure the referee situation, and I think on down the line we'll need to work on that, depending on how you structure it it may well be that having the lawyer will not be all that great an advantage. It needn't be all that great an advantage. Secondly, even if a custodial parent chooses to have an attorney, if this is a person who is abusing the visitation right time and time again on one little matter after another, how many times can she afford to hire an attorney to come in there and represent her? I mean, she does it once, that's going to cost her bucks. On the noncustodial parent's side, it costs him, I don't know what the filing fee is now, \$30 to file it. So he pays his \$30 and he gets his right to the hearing and then the custodial parent can come in for nothing or she can hire an attorney which will cost her a lot. You know after that happens two or three times I think it's going to provide an incentive to the custodial parent not to be fooling around with visitation because of nothing else, they don't want to pay the attorney's fees and they don't want to be coming in and discussing before the judge what the situation is if in fact the situation is an