

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...assisting people who need help, I've got to speak, I've got to offer these amendments. As some of you know who may have gone to school, nobody can point historically to a point where there was not some type of organized society. So philosophers, archeologists, anthropologists, psychologists and others will sometimes talk about what they call the state of nature when it was all against each, every person for himself or herself, there was no organized structure and anything which a person could not do for himself or herself would not be done. People began to form small confederacies so that by groups they could do more than they could do as individuals. Groups would then coalesce with other groups and larger social settings would develop. When that began to occur, word of mouth, informal agreements were not sufficient to maintain...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I hope I only have to speak once on this bill and it's hard for me not to take this personal but I try and make every bill that we have here, take every bill as not being something personal for me. I am one of 49 of this body and I have one vote. So for me to take it personal, as I see it, wouldn't do any good anyway except cause me some maybe good feelings one time and bad feelings the next. All I can bring you is how I feel and what I know about this. We have people constantly saying, let's make kids responsible. I had somebody ask me yesterday, when are you going to pass some laws down there that make kids responsible? People, I suggest to you that using the word kids means irresponsibility to begin with. Why are we not being responsible for them? I know many young people who have got this money, many young people in the years I have worked with them and I can only count two or three at the most who have abused this kind of money. Senator Pirsch handed out a graph that back in 1960 the out-of-wedlock birthrate has gone up. I suggested to you about that time as when we as a society started loosening up on our morals and values and being irresponsible as adults for adolescents. We have a whole balcony full of young people here today. Yes, there are a few of them that can be responsible for themselves, but I would say, since 1960, we have gone from a responsible age of what we called emotional adulthood of age 21 and now we've got it down to 16. And for 16 and 17 and 18 year-olds out there making these kind of