

it just has been inadequate. So I would oppose the Crosby amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Crosby, Bohlke and Wesely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a few questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, suppose we have a misbehaving parent whom the police want to take into custody and let's say that there is a legitimate reason for this person to be taken into custody, and the reason is so serious that the police are entitled to use deadly force, that's the way I'm setting up the hypothetical so we don't even have to worry about what the underlying issue is but they're entitled to use deadly force. The police arrive on the premises. The parent interposes his own child between himself and the police. Are the police justified in killing the child in order to get at the parent, to get at the criminal? Are they justified? They're justified in using deadly force against the adult. The adult has interposed the child between themselves and the police. Are they justified in using deadly force since it's the criminal's own child which is being used as the shield and held as the hostage?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I think it would depend on the situation but ordinarily not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In what situation would the police be justified in killing the child to get at the criminal?

SENATOR BEUTLER: If the man lifts his arm point blank at a police officer with a revolver and begins to shoot.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then the officer can kill the child?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, if the individual is holding his own child in front of his chest and head and that's the situation you're hypothesizing, the answer is yes if the officer must do that in order to save his own life, his or her own life.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now if the underlying offense was such