

person that has the children does everything that person can do to keep the other parent from seeing the children. They work very hard at it, and you know it, you've heard the cases, you've had your constituents tell you what they go through. I was at a meeting the other night where one man said that he went as a witness with a father at the appointed time that had been set up to pick up the children for the weekend, or for whatever the visitation hours were, and they got to the door, waited twenty or thirty minutes before anyone even came to the door, and when the mother came to the door she said the children could not go and she called the police. There's no recourse in any of this to help that noncustodial parent. And these noncustodial parents that I'm talking about are paying their child support. So it seems to me the visitation thing has been used as a tool, as I said earlier, for that, the person's anger against the other. They are using those children. Some way or another we must come to grips with that. The children are pawns in this game that they play. I'm still ambivalent about this bill. I may vote for Senator Witek's amendment because at least it cuts down to one license that you could focus on and see if it might work and get people who are not paying and who are able to pay, that's the other problem. There are people who are not able to pay the child support that the court sets up. For some reason, some very unfair formulas come out of those, in those decrees. With a person who ends up, maybe makes four or five hundred dollars a week and ends up with maybe a hundred dollars to live, that person still has to live, has to live in a place, a house, an apartment, pay utilities, eat. So some way or another this whole picture, it's not just in this one bill, it's not just focused on child support. And you know I've always supported anything we could do to get child support paid. And someone, I guess Senator Kristensen, spoke about the district court; when they went on the computer system and they published these lists, there was one man who lives here in Lincoln whose children were grown, out, working professionally, had their own families, he was on the list as owing child support. He had never missed a child support payment. So you see those old records were not kept well. And then when they put everything into the computers...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...and it's published in the newspaper, we have people embarrassed who should not be. So I will...thank you, I