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they are, the kind of life they live and how narrow their focus is. I have seen problems that result from various types of divorces, and I have seen parents misuse children as a means to try to get even with or get at the other party. I have seen men try to get back around the woman by the way visitation is set up. They don't care about the children. They did not take care of the children when they were married, and they have not shown a great interest in the children, but they want visitation so they can be around that woman for whom they still carry a torch; and she'd probably like to set a torch to him, let him take the flame in a different way. So I am going to oppose this amendment strenuously, I'm going to oppose the bill strenuously. The state has no business telling these people that we're going to make you, like with a jeweler's scale, have equal rights to determine what the child does.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So equal means the same thing on each side of the equal sign; same thing on each side. You have a balance, an equilibrium or, in this case, a paralysis. The father says, yes; the mother says, no. So, since it's equal, "yes" cancels "no", "no" cancels "yes"; nothing is done and the child is left in the middle. And this bill is written to say that they have equal, that makes no sense. However people feel is all right, and we are often motivated and spurred to action by our feelings. But when it comes to the law and children and domestic relations, as I have always done, I'm going to try to keep the state out as much as possible, and I'm opposed to this amendment. And I'm just speaking in general terms now, but I'm going to attack it more specifically as we proceed.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the committee amendments to LB 120, Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I know Senator Crosby and I know her heart and her character, and for that reason I've looked very carefully at this bill, because when I first read it I had some concerns, but I knew that her intent was certainly for the best interest of the children. But I just want to raise some issues and perhaps Senator Crosby can put my mind at rest, and Senator Brashear as