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Is that true?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That is true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we really have no way of knowing that. I won't ask another question because my time is up. But, on other issues that I'm going to bring up, we'll continue the discussion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are discussing the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments of LB 120. Those wishing to speak are Senators Matzke, Landis and Brashear. Senator Matzke, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I've been very interested in this debate so far. And I'm convinced that Senator Chambers is right in his view of this matter. When you look at the language of the amendment, and it talks about equalizing visitation, as a practical matter that's impossible. When a child is of tender age, and I'm talking about a child that is one, or two, or three, maybe up to four or five, they just normally need the care of the mother more than the father. And...and I've never seen courts try to equalize visitation at that age. Now it changes as a child gets older. You get a child that's a teenager, then it makes more sense to try and equalize the custody time between them. Now I am afraid that the term "equalizing visitation" in this committee amendment is going to cause much more difficulty than it's going to solve. I think the idea of joint custody is recognized by every district judge in this state as the...as the most advantageous arrangement. But, as Senator Pederson so carefully put it, you can't force people to like each other and cooperate in a divorce proceeding. And so to try and say to a court or to mandate, and this is Senator...Senator Chambers' word and it's an absolutely correct word, what we're doing is trying to mandate to a court that they show the wisdom of Solomon and cut the baby in half and equalize, 50-50. And you can't do that unless you know the age of the child. I actually consider the committee amendment to be...to be against the interest of most mothers, especially mothers with children of tender age. If they are infants, they are going to, by nature, need their mothers more than their fathers. Now that may not be