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other way and put the nose in the air. Some animals do that, too, when they've had enough. So people in my district are not going to come to me and say, Ernie, I'm a noncustodial parent and I want you to do this and that. What I will do is listen to what they suggest and, if there is reasonableness in it, then I take that to heart. But to take something which is absolutely impossible of accomplishment and put it in a bill and say this should become the law, I will not do that, and they won't bring it to me. And I'm still looking at page 3 of the green copy. "If joint custody is ordered", and this is exactly why no court should order it, this is why no court should order it, "if joint custody is ordered, each parent shall have equal rights to make decisions in the best interests of the minor child in his or her custody". If the child is in his or her custody, I need to have that explained to me. So let me ask Senator Brashear a question, or somebody else who is for the bill. I didn't know he was up at the front. I won't ask him. I will mention what the problem is that I see. If there is joint custody, as the sentence starts out saying, how can it end by saying "in his or her custody"? If it's joint custody, the child is in the custody of both. So why does that sentence, that starts out saying it's joint custody, end by saying "in his or her custody"? Okay, Senator Brashear is there. Senator Brashear,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Do you yield, Senator Brashear?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...would you turn to page 3.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Are we on the green copy, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, the green copy.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now I'm going to start reading in line 11 with the word "if" at the end of the sentence, "if joint custody is ordered, each parent shall have equal rights to make decisions in the best interests of the minor child in his or her custody". If it's joint custody, how can it be his or her?