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down the street in their town and see their child across the street and think, well I'm not really allowed to go across and buy him a Coke, because they feel that they are being watched, that they have to be very careful that they don't overstep whatever limits have been set up. So if...LB 120 will not solve all the problems that we have on joint custody. LB 120 will not solve all the family problems that people have that get divorced. LB 120 may help and encourage some people who are reasonable and want to do the right thing for their children. It may encourage them to sit down with their lawyers and discuss a parenting plan, and figure out how each one of the parents can have a voice and feel that they are connected to that child. People think that men don't care about their children, they do. And even in the normal course of things, the father doesn't normally see the child as much as the mother does, because of the male professions and careers are set in a little different way, perhaps, than women's careers, and it's a natural thing for the mother to take the lead on certain things. So, I don't know what to tell you this morning because probably I don't...you can see the lawyers are having another discussion. And you'll notice that Pam Brown and I are the only ones, so far, who have spoken, but Senator Bohlke says she has her light on, but so far all the ones that have spoken are lawyers. But that's all right, because they're in the business, so to speak. They have had the actual experiences with the families and with the couples who are trying to work things out. So I'm happy to listen to them and understand what they are saying to us this morning that is pertinent to this bill and to what we're trying to do here. There are people out there. I guess if we help a few children have a happier life with both parents, it's worth it. But the other thing I want to say, I am grateful to the fact the bill came along. As far as I know, at least since I've been here,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...it's the first time it's ever been discussed on the floor. We've had a lot of bills introduced and we've had a lot of discussions and conferences with the people that are involved, but as far as I know, as far as I can remember, this is the first time it's actually been discussed in this way. And so I did listen to Senator Kristensen, because I think he