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brought out some points, and Senator Landis. So, we'll see what comes along here. I don't have any big objection to changing "shall" to "may", that's a matter of semantics that I guess we can live with. Thank you.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, you know, year after year we've tried to approach this subject in some kind of increment that made some sense, and it's always been very difficult. But I suggest to you that the situation is not going to get any easier. Let me tell you why. Right now the way things go, usually in a divorce, one parent or another gets shut out of physical custody and legal custody, and that person, under the circumstances, historically of our society today, is nine out of ten times the father. And that all derives from the fact that our system, as far as child bearing and child raising has been concerned forever, has been a matriarchal system. I've...I would argue very strongly the woman has dominated there, just as in the economic area, the woman has been shut out. Now the women want to work, or we want the women to work, or whatever, they're working, seventy-some percent of them. And as part of that, that's an incredible burden. And as part of that, either voluntarily or being encouraged into it, men are becoming more and more the givers of care to children. And there is an enormous difference, which I'm sure all of you my age have noticed, between those in their fifties, those in their thirties, and young men in their twenties. And young men in their twenties and thirties are doing more, and more, and more child care, some sharing equally these days. And that's going to continue, because women are going to continue to work, and there's going to be a sharing of responsibility there because the woman cannot bear that load. So what does that mean? So that means when divorce comes, as it will inevitably come in a large percentage of cases, unless we change the whole divorce law, that these young fathers, who are much closer bonded to their children than fathers of my generation were, how unhappy are they going to be, being shut out of physical custody and shut out of legal custody? For some in my generation, you almost hate to say it, but it was probably an easier thing because we didn't do that work on a day-to-day basis. We loved