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shields, so that if we decide to blast you out of existence, we can do that, that's how you show good faith.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I say, well let's turn it the other way around, you drop your protective shields. They say, oh no, we can't do that. So why should I give up most of the battle by letting a bad bill go to Select File? I'm not going to do it. I don't think we're ever going to resolve this issue. It wasn't thought that it would ever come before us really for consideration on the floor, and that frankly is how it got out of committee. But act in haste, repent at leisure. It was a bad bill when it was introduced, it was a bad bill in committee, it was a bad bill when it was advanced, it's a bad bill now. But I'll tell you this, that distinguishes it from some other bad bills. It deals with a very serious issue. And our discussions and inability, by putting different people together working on it who have never worked together on anything in that combination, and we can't come up with anything, indicates we should not just make a ball and say, let's throw it to the court. I won't do that.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members. It seems the first session I was here, Senator Crosby, we had a bill on mandatory mediation, where we began to touch on some of these very issues. And I remember at that time opposing that. And I've said to people I've almost come full circle because it seems to me all of us get that dreaded phone call from a constituent who has a terrible problem with regard to visitation rights. The problem is really adults behaving badly. And what we're trying to do is to legislate relationships, and I don't think that we can ever do a very effective job when it comes to trying to legislate relationships. I rise in support of the Chambers amendment. I also remember, Senator Chambers, on a number of occasions, you admonishing people if they let something move from General File to Select File if it wasn't a bill that they could support in the shape that it was in. I would have great concern with Senator Beutler's proposal to move this over to Select File and have a hiatus. I think the hiatus