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Bohlke probably would join with you and begin to look at that concept, a concept I've not endorsed in the past, but the frustration is that we've got to find some other way than people standing up in court litigating their way through all these disputes when there's really no answer. Courts do a wonderful job of resolving disputes. They don't do a great...and that's not their purpose, is to make people feel better...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...and act as a counselor.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler waives off. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Chambers and then Senator Crosby.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I...I heard some words from Senator Kristensen that sort of made my heart jump (laugh) which was that we really might look at the concept of mandatory mediation, which is something that...that I think that we absolutely have to do if we are ever going to get to...to dealing with the best interests of children. But one of the things that we keep talking about, as if this idea just came up and the concepts in Senator Crosby's bill were something that Senator Crosby just invented and the committee just kicked out, and this is something that has been considered for a long time. In 1995, there was a Task Force on Visitation that was looking at the issues about visitation and what could be done, and one of the individuals who was a...worked with this task force was a Ph.D. from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and...a Ph.D., a clinical professor. And in some of the work that he wrote, he says the most important objections to joint custody concern its impact not on children but on parents, and despite all the research documenting the psychological damage of separating parents and children we still keep getting objections to joint custody and other things that might be a solution. And they look...he looked at whether there was increased conflict between divorced parents, because of a court...the court trying to get them to work together, whether it was through joint custody or parenting plan options or mediation. And they showed that the conflict between divorced parents did not appear to worsen as a result of the increased demand for interparental