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SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...contracting at age 18 and 19.

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, that's another...and I want to explore also who was at the hearing, and get a sense of the consequences or, you know, the real stories that people gave you at the hearings. But I just find this interesting. And it's kind of like we almost stumbled upon this pot of gold. And Senator Erdman had mentioned that he introduced the bill for an individual who wanted to contract to rent an apartment. And that's fine. We all respond to our constituents' needs. But as we explore it, then all of a sudden it's like, aha, we found some money here, the proverbial pot of gold, out of something that was somewhat innocuous to begin with. And again, I'm not certain that we should be pursuing this comprehensive, extremely significant change in our age of majority statutes now. I would suggest that we don't have a clue of the implications of going forward with this legislation.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Bourne. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, let me just quickly say, with regard to the amendment before us, it helps, but it doesn't solve the problem with regard to child support. There's absolutely no reason, in my mind, why child support should end at age 18 instead of age 19, because many of those kids are still in high school. I'll go into that later. But I think we need some more background information, or at least I need some more background information from the Chair of the Judiciary Committee with regard to the scope of this whole matter, because I'm still not grasping entirely how this came about. Senator Brashear, would you yield to a question or two?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President, I'll yield.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Tell me if I'm looking at this correctly. There is one statute that defines the age of majority generally, and that statute would apply unless there