

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 10, 2006 LB 1175

SENATOR FRIEND: I (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He said I will take a sword and I will divide the baby equally between the two of you. Now, without giving the intervening facts, was that baby in fact, by Solomon, divided in two with his sword?

SENATOR FRIEND: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, each of the women was given an opportunity to say something to Solomon. Do you remember, and you can paraphrase from the story, what each one said, basically?

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, one of them said, hey, that's a great idea; the other one said, wait a minute, better that this baby should live; give it to the other woman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what did Solomon do?

SENATOR FRIEND: He gave it to the woman who said the latter--save the baby.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, that's where the story stops, but does the fact that one of the woman said cut the baby in two mean that the baby was not hers? And the fact that the other one said, don't cut the baby in two, give it to the other one, does that mean that the baby in fact was hers?

SENATOR FRIEND: Not necessarily, and I don't remember the specifics, the way that broke out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because there could have been a set of circumstances where the baby belonged to the woman who said cut it in two, but she actually didn't want a baby anymore. Right?

SENATOR FRIEND: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the other woman could have been her enemy and said, I'm going to fix her, give the baby to her. And she didn't really want the baby either, but it backfired and she