

disclosure has enough validity to be pursued further. If that kind of information is not given, one party may be encouraged to make a false complaint against the other in anger. But if both parties have it made crystal clear to them that should one of these allegations be made during the mediation process, it will go immediately to a judge, that might put a brake on the inclination of one or the other to make a false allegation. So if this kind of language is to be adopted, I hope that there will be some modification so that there will be an explanation of the process that will be followed if one of these allegations should occur. So I would like to ask Senator Ashford a question at this point, if I may.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was that yes, sir, to the Speaker or to me?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Definitely to the Speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I thought so. Senator Ashford, would you be opposed to information, I meant the notification taking the form that I discussed where the parties are...it is made clear to them that once this allegation or whatever surfaces, it goes right to the judge for determination?

SENATOR ASHFORD: No, in fact, that's been drafted, and I have no objection to it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Good. And I am glad you used the word "draft" because draft can be a wind, and right now today it seems that the winds of change are going through this Chamber quite a bit because from this morning onward there has been, I won't even call them compromises, but amendments offered that resolved difficulties, that clarified bills, that made them better. So while Senator Bromm is discharging his duties as...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the offerer of this amendment, I would say that if it is drafted along the lines of what I've been discussing, I wouldn't have any objection to it. We would then have completed the circle. There will not be child abuse allegations or disclosures going unreported. They will go to