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*Testimony by Representative Themis Klarides
Before the Judiciary Committee
On Senate Bill 6287
March 5, 2007*

Good afternoon Chairman McDonald, Chairman Lawlor, Representative O'Neill, Senator Kissel, and members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Representative Themis Klarides, representing the 114th District. I am here today to speak on HB 6287.

HB 6287 will permit the arbitration of child support issues in dissolution of marriage matters. Mediation is used to assist the families in reaching agreements. This bill will allow agreements regarding child support matters to be arbitrated and then submitted to a court. The court will either then find the agreement to be fair and equitable or not to one of the parties. If found to be fair and equitable, the agreement then shall be entered in the court file and be binding.

The result of an arbitrated agreement is that the two parties are ultimately in full control of the process. The common goal as it relates to this bill is that any agreement will have the best interest of the child. The final decision is the parents' to share, not a judge's ruling. That the two parties will willfully enter into arbitration and thus become more willing to live up to their binding agreement.

Thank you for the hearing on HB 6287 and I wish to express my support of the bill and the committee's favorable action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Themis".

Rep. Themis Klarides