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SENATOR MATZKE: Well, we have talked to some of them, yes. There...to be honest with you, some of the agencies still have objections based upon the fact that they just don't want the law telling them to do what they know they're supposed to do anyhow, and what they largely already are doing.

SENATOR WITEK: But I see that there were no committee amendments on this bill. So there were no changes to address any of their concerns on this bill?

SENATOR MATZKE: No.

SENATOR WITEK: There's been no changes made.

SENATOR MATZKE: They really didn't propose any changes. And we left the door open completely. During the task force I repeatedly invited proposals or drafts or recommended changes from all of the agencies that participated in the task force, and we never received any.

SENATOR WITEK: You never received any of the drafts back from the agencies?

SENATOR MATZKE: No, we never received any suggested changes or amendments.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, so there were no suggested changes or amendments given at the hearing when they opposed?

SENATOR MATZKE: That's correct.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, thank you. I guess I have so many concerns about this bill I won't be voting for it to advance to General File (sic). I'd be more comfortable if we could just hold it for a while. Particularly on page 6 that talks about the publication if the agency or attorney representing the biological mother is unable to locate, some of the things that they have to give is the first name of the father or possible father, a description of the father or possible father if his name is unknown, the approximate date and place of conception of the child, the date of birth or expected birth of the child, and all information required to be included in the notice described in Section 6 of this act. I think the problems that a lot of us perceive in the process are not addressed in particular in this