

that you're changing your name so creditors know to change their records so you can't engage in fraud or whatever. It is to make sure that the public knows that there has been a name change. When you're dealing with a child, that's generally not a big concern so it reduces that and I think legitimately reduces the number of times it has to be published. What the committee amendments would do is to simply require that in addition to that, that notice be sent to the noncustodial parent if the parents are separated. And that is that the noncustodial parent ought to have an opportunity just simply to see that this is taking place. And so that's all it does and with that, I think it's an excellent bill because I don't see the need to do the continual publishing that is done. So bottom line, committee amendments simply say, notify the noncustodial parent.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to speak to the committee amendments.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Lindsay, if I might just ask you one question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: In general I agree with the thrust of the legislation and I in general agree with the thrust of the committee amendment, but what do you do if you do not have an address for the noncustodial parent?

SENATOR LINDSAY: The language of the amendment, Senator Wickersham, is that in an action involving a petition under 19 years of age who has a noncustodial parent, notice of the filing of the petition shall be sent by certified mail within five days after publication to the noncustodial parent at the address provided to the Clerk of the District Court pursuant to subsection 1 of 42-364.13. What that is, is the noncustodial parent is required to file his or her name and address with the district court and that's the address that is used. So if the noncustodial parent does not file that address, does not do what he or she is required to do or does not keep it updated as is required by law, then that notification isn't going to be coming to that address, so it requires that it goes to the address that the noncustodial parent has on file.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, and my understanding from reading the amendment would be that if there is no address on file, you have