

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...with that notice, is there?

SENATOR MATZKE: That's right, there's nothing in this law that would require an agency to get their separate attorney to do anything. They are supposed to cooperate under the bill to determine the identity of the father, then the notice requirement if that is triggered, it would have to be handled by the attorney.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time has run out, Senator Matzke and Senator Hall's light is on again so I'm sure you can continue the dialogue at a future time. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm sorry, I'm listening very intently to the discussion between Senator Hall and Senator Matzke or trying to, but I guess I'm extremely alarmed about this bill and maybe, and I think I might be agreeing with Senator Hall, I'm not sure which is alarming too, but this, to me, we are requiring now, we're going to ask some girl, and I'm familiar with this because my sister has adopted six children so I know the procedure and I've also had friends and grown up with people who have had babies out of wedlock at very young ages and the anguish that they go through and the tremendous changes that makes in their lives and in their families' lives and at that time we're going to ask that girl to identify the father and then have the state go hunt him down just so he won't come back and hit somebody with a lawsuit to me is just amazing that we're even considering this and I'm sorry, Senator Matzke, but my thinking is so opposite of what you're... I understand your intentions and your good intentions of wanting to protect that situation from a lawsuit and I don't even know, and maybe you do, how many of those lawsuits have occurred in the State of Nebraska? But to me the problem has occurred in our court system with the court turning around after a period of time and awarding the father any rights whatsoever. If that individual has impregnated somebody or even been in a situation that they may have impregnated somebody, then it is that man's responsibility to follow that situation if he is concerned that it might result in a pregnancy and if he is concerned of whether that woman will give that child up for adoption. It is not the state's responsibility and it is not the woman's responsibility and I can't believe the women's groups aren't in here because I know we don't see eye to eye on