

that situation and we're going to go track him down and say, you know, we don't want you to be responsible for this, we're going to be responsible for it, for notifying you in case this results in a pregnancy and in case that woman decides to put the child up for adoption. There must be another solution than this and I hope we take some time to work on this bill and not just pass this bill because to me it's just incredible that we as a state are going to take on this responsibility that rightfully belongs in my mind to the male in that relationship and I certainly hope women's groups out there...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...are aware of this.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator McKenzie. Oh, excuse me, Senator McKenzie. I shut your light off also. I remember that we do have an amendment on the desk. I will recognize you after Senator Lindsay opens on his amendment if you care to speak to his amendment. Senator Lindsay. (Lindsay amendment appears on page 1020 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, this amendment should be on your desk. I've talked with Senator Matzke and Senator Wesely about this and they, I believe, don't have an objection to it. What it does is it makes it clear, I had some concern about whether in going through this process whether we've adequately taken care of victims of sexual assault and incest. It makes two changes to clarify that. One is in the area of the notice, whether notice has to be given to a biological father and it would make it clear that notice need not be given to a biological father if the mother's affidavits indicates that conception was the result of a sexual assault or an incest. The language that is currently there may cover this situation, but we want to clarify that certainly was the...certainly is the case. In the second change on it deals in the report of the guardian ad litem and what the guardian ad litem needs to investigate and what it would do is provide that among those other things that the guardian ad litem should attempt to determine is whether it was...the conception was the result of sexual assault or incest because again, that should have a bearing on the court's determination on whether notice is appropriate and how much...to what extent the biological father should have any rights at all. So with that, it's an attempt to clarify that. I think that was probably the intent from Senator