

support the intent of the legislation. And the issue for me, with regard to some of the things that I'm asking, Senator Matzke, are not to try to delay the bill. I...I concur with your arguments as well as Senator Wesely's that this is something that probably needs to take place. The question is what form it follows. As Senator Wesely alluded, there was a task force that did look at this over the summer. The fact of the matter is the task force, by a wide majority, opposed the legislation. Now that is a...it's a fact that the...and they came and opposed it at committee as well. The problem is that to date they haven't offered any viable alternatives, and that's what I'm looking for from that group. And I'll go on record stating that because I really think that there needs to be some language offered as an alternative. We can't just flat out say we don't like this proposal because we don't happen to like it. There are some questions that I have because the basis of the bill, that of protecting the validity of an adoption, is something that I think we have every right, I would argue we have a duty possibly to intercede in the form of bills similar, if not the same, as LB 712. The problem is that I still, Senator Matzke, if you would respond to the question, need to understand what the time-line is, because I've read Sections 5 and 7. And then I went down to Section 8 and it says that, the notification procedure set forth in Sections 5 to 7 of this act shall, whenever possible, be completed prior to a child being placed in an adoptive home. It does not say that it has to be completed prior to a placement. And if that does not take place then what is the time-line with regard to notification, because if we don't have to do it prior to the child being placed, even though the bill states earlier that it is in the best interest to deal with this as early on as possible in the pregnancy to gain that information, get the affidavit signed by the biological mother, if there is no requirement that it be done prior to placement in the adoptive home, where is the guarantee that the Baby Jessica situation, as it was laid out, might not still take place at some future time, if the child has already been placed? And think about...think about that...I mean I've put you on the spot by...

SENATOR MATZKE: Do you want me to respond?

SENATOR HALL: If you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Matzke.