

birth of the child, and all information required to be included in the notice described in another section. That seems to me...do you know if that's being done in other states at the present time?

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes it is, and that's pretty standard language from other states that have adoptive notice provisions.

SENATOR BROMM: Can you imagine in a given location, in a small community, with the name Jim or Bill,...

SENATOR MATZKE: That was one of the...that was one of the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...difficult questions that was dealt with by the task force.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR MATZKE: That certainly isn't the most...

SENATOR BROMM: What about the name Ramon? I mean, how...(laughter).

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Matzke, if we could continue. I'm again on page 6 and we talked about the issue with regard to the notification being, whenever possible, completed prior to the child being placed in the adoptive home. And then if you have dropped down to the bottom, on line 25, it says, if the biologic ' father or possible biological fathers are not given actual or constructive notice prior to the time of placement, the attorney or agency shall give the adoptive parents a statement of legal risks, indicating the legal status of the biological father's parental rights as of the time of placement, and the adoptive parents shall sign a statement of legal risk acknowledging their acceptance of the placement notwithstanding the legal risks. What is the purpose behind that...

SENATOR MATZKE: That is a standard practice among lawyers who specialize in adoption at the present time. Acknowledging the fact and getting the adoptive parents to acknowledge the fact