

counseling aspect, where it is in a fairly confidential situation with regard to whether to continue the pregnancy or not. And in most cases when they get to the issue of who is the biological father, but that time the decision is, for the most part, been made to give birth to the baby. I mean the decision has been made, so the counseling continues to proceed. Ultimately a decision is made whether to relinquish the child for adoption or to keep the child. The difference in this case now is that that information, for purposes of adoption, is going to be required. To the best of the birth mother's ability they have to give the various types of information regarding the biological father or potential fathers that are spelled out in the bill. I think that clearly there are some questions there with regard to when that takes place. Currently, I believe that it does so in a pre-birth counseling kind of situation and a pregnancy counseling situation. And now we are spelling it out in affidavit form for purposes of the adoption. I understand the rationale behind that. I want to make sure that the...in no way does the affidavit or the adoption impact the pregnancy counseling that does not always lead to adoption. In many cases individuals choose to keep and raise the child themselves as opposed to place for adoption. And that needs to be, I think, encouraged just as much as an adoption when it's appropriate in either of the cases. With that, again I mention to the individuals who have approached me on the bill in opposition to it that there needs to be some alternatives that are raised, that there is no good argument that we just don't like the bill, that we'll fly with this piece of legislation, because I see very many good components in the bill. And if push came to shove between now and...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...Select File and there were no specific suggestions that came forward, I'm ready to vote for the bill. That is where I think the good outweighs the troublesome areas that I see in LB 712, and I will support the bill, but I also want to leave open the option to address some of the issues that folks have brought to me. And I apologize to Senator Matzke that I didn't have my questions a little more formally drafted for purposes of addressing them to him today. I just did not think we would be this quickly to the bill. So, with that, I have no intention of speaking to the bill anymore today. I will speak privately with Senator Matzke between now and Select File. But for the most part I am going to support 712, even over to