

Select File today off General File. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hall. Would like to recognize a guest of Senator Robinson under the south balcony, from West Point we have with us today Shirley Schlueter. Shirley, would you like to stand and be recognized. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to speak, followed by Senators Matzke, Wesely and Crosby.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Honorable Mr. Speaker and members of the body, thank you for the time. I hadn't...I didn't think I was going to speak on this bill, and the more I listened to it the more involved I think I'm going to get. Years ago when young mothers would give up their children for adoption they were placed in a hospital or a home to have their baby, and they would only hold them for just a few minutes. And that was the last contact they would ever have with that newborn. And looking at it now it probably was a cruel method, but they lost contact with those child...with those children and now we see so many times that they are trying to reunite themselves together and go through a very lengthy process. So...and I don't think the adoption agencies at this time work quite that way. And really how, you know, how different is this legislation than what legitimate agencies now operate under? Maybe someone can answer these questions for me. But I believe some of the adoption agencies that are long-standing and honored in the community don't go through some of these same processes as they are now. And in the case that we're talking about, how...where was this child given up for adoption? Was it an illegitimate agency that was handling this situation? You know you have to be a little careful where you go, I believe. But you know there are places like the Lutheran...what is it, the Lutheran homes, or something like that, that handles these, Lutheran Family Services, that's the agency I'm thinking of, they do a great job. They screen where the child comes from and where that child is going, it's a very long, lengthy process in trying to get a newborn child. And I believe they make every attempt that they can to find the biological father and talk to him and see if there are any concerns. So I...I...there are some questions that have to be answered and I'd like to know how many, how many of these illegitimate places there are around. Did Baby Jess come from one of those? I don't know, I'd like to find out these kind of things. I don't want to talk the thing to death either because I believe that the adoptive parents do have some rights. Maybe