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Bromm also talked about the cost and the difficulty in implementing this bill. Well again, at the hearing attorneys who do a lot of adoption work are already following a lot of this, and the agencies that came in said, we're doing a lot of this already. So it isn't as though we're asking them to do something that by and large they're not doing already, it's simply to put it in statute with the protections that the statute provides to the parents who are adopting and the fathers involved so that everybody has their rights clarified and we can go forward and don't have a situation where, because of lack of clarity, we end up with a court ruling that breaks up a family. So in my view again the arguments that have been raised against this, there are answers to them, those answers were given in the hearings and in the process that we went through, and I would encourage your support for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute. Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. I yield my time to Senator Hall.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members, and thank you, Senator Crosby. I had said that I would not speak again to the bill today, but Senator Crosby goaded me on by giving me the time. But I...and I appreciate that very much. The...again the issue for me is one of what...I absolutely understand what we're trying to accomplish here, and I find it real difficult to oppose this measure. And I hear Senator Matzke back there saying, well then don't. But the problem is, and I again apologize because I'm caught off guard on this issue because we got to it. I fully expected to be debating LR 6 much longer this morning, but that's not Senator Matzke's problem, that's mine because I haven't done my homework. But the issue is still there in terms of...I guess for purposes of the folks who work in the adoption agencies, and those are the ones that I'm familiar with, I don't see where there is really going to be a problem in terms of the private placements, as we always called them when I worked for UCSS, those that are done by attorneys, but...because they'll be...they'll understand exactly what the process is, and I'm sure that the adoption agencies will as well. USCC happens to be, I think, one of those very well respected adoption agencies in the State of Nebraska, and they have been at it for a very long time. The question, I guess,