

appeal there was only 30 days to appeal. This does not grant any more delay to an adoption proceedings. These are the primary amendments that we propose to the bill. Again, I want to express my deep appreciation particularly to Senator Bromm...

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SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...who has met with me on at least a half a dozen or more times and also to Senator Stuhr and to Senator Jensen for their conscientious interest in this issue. I would ask the adoption of AM1371. I'd be happy to answer any questions that anyone might have. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Matzke. For discussion on the Matzke amendment, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President, fellow senators, I want to say that I'm sure that not all of us would probably be as willing to work on this and make substantive changes after they had worked on it all summer, a good share of the summer, and leading up to the session as Senator Matzke has been and I very much appreciate that. It gives me a little bit of an uneasy feeling to come in and try to make changes in a bill that has received as much effort and focus as this had prior to being filed. On the other hand, it's...I take this as a very serious issue, a very, very important issue and that's what we're here for is to examine this kind of thing and try to come up with the best work product that we possibly can. Fortunately our present adoption laws have served us fairly well in the past and one part of me says don't mess with something that is working, but on the other hand we're not living in quite the same society as we were when the present adoption laws as we have them were drafted and implemented and adopted. It is becoming a different society, much more willing to litigate, much more unstable in terms of the number of children that are probably born out of wedlock and placed for adoption, offered for adoption, family situations not as stable as they once were for the most part, so I think it's altogether fitting and proper along with the Baby Jessica case and a few other cases that have arisen that this be done and I support the efforts. I support this amendment. I want to talk about it for just a minute. My primary concerns on the initial General File discussion of the bill were concerns about unnecessary invasion of privacy particularly in small