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SENATOR BROMM: ...legal documents provide that opportunity. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. If Senator Matzke would respond to a question or two.

SENATOR MATZKE: Certainly.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Matzke, and I appreciate the work that was done on the amendment because I think it is very much working toward an improvement on LB 712. But I do have some questions. In relation to the amendment we talk about and I have yet to try to get it back into the green copy of the bill and I apologize for that, but it says in all cases of adoption, I'm reading Section 2, a minor child born out of wedlock, the biological mother shall complete and sign an affidavit in writing and under oath.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Matzke, will you respond, please.

SENATOR HALL: Who do you envision...

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: ...administering that oath, because my thought is this, Senator Matzke. Would that then require the agency, I mean is it possible for the agency to...I don't think we're prohibiting the agency from filling out these affidavits of identification, is that not correct?

SENATOR MATZKE: Well this affidavit would undoubtedly be signed at or before the time that the relinquishment is signed. Now the relinquishment has to be acknowledged before a notary public and so this affidavit would have to be made before a notary public.

SENATOR HALL: So that would suffice for purposes of the under oath?

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, so there would not be a need in the case of, and what I'm thinking of, is the case of an agency that they