

your amendment to the Stuhr amendment?

SENATOR MATZKE: I will waive closing and just request adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, we are under call. Members should be in their seats. Members off the floor should be coming in. The question now is the adoption of the Matzke amendment to the Stuhr amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Matzke's amendment to Senator Stuhr's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Matzke amendment is adopted. Anything further as an amendment to the Stuhr amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to Senator Stuhr's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, on the Stuhr amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I would like to ask Senator Stuhr a question please. I have not been following this intensely but I was wanting a question on this. Is this amendment, would this be intended to make it clear once and for all who...the decision on paternity, that if a father did not sign this registry and did not follow through as proposed in this amendment, that it would clear up once and for all when that he would have a chance to respond to alleged fatherhood and control of the children?

SENATOR STUHR: No, Senator Wehrbein, it would not. It just establishes another means for him to claim paternity. I think it just strengthens the bill. The publication, I mean there are other means that we talked about earlier. At present, we do have a registry. It is not being used very much at all. This would strengthen it. I forgot to mention that there are at least sixteen states now that use a putative father registry, and Iowa is one of those states. Formerly, they, before the Baby Jessica case, they did not include the publication notice. Since the Baby Jessica case, they have the putative father registry and now have added the publication notice. If we include this, we will be very similar, you know, to Iowa and I think in visiting with Senator Matzke I think one of the intents