

the department may develop information about the registry and may distribute such information through their publications, they may provide information about the registry to the Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Health who may distribute such information. So it will...it changes the terminology from shall publish a notice about the registry to just encouraging the department to provide information about the registry. The rest of the...the portion of my amendment is very much the same. It does change a certain section. But we believe that...I feel that the registry is an important part of the bill that we are discussing now. Again, it will put some information to the fathers and also again put some of the responsibility on the father. And I will turn the rest of my time to Senator Matzke and let him make a few remarks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Madam President and members of the Legislature, what we are asking is that amendment 1579 be adopted to amend amendment 1518. Senator Stuhr offered an amendment the last time this bill came up, last week, which was 1518. I originally opposed that amendment because of the provisions relating to the registry and just primarily my objections were technical, it used the word putative in referring to the biological father. And we found that many people did not understand what the word putative meant, some people thought it was punitive. It is not punitive, with an N. So we...I have worked for the last several days with Senator Stuhr over some of these technicalities to try and save time here on the floor. And AM1579, which we filed last night and which is shown on page 1603 is really a rewrite of the amendment 1518 which was offered last week. I believe that it has some considerable improvement in the language. It also actually strengthens the registry because it provides for a mechanism for public information regarding the registry. It provides, as Senator Stuhr says, that information be developed by the Department of Social Services about the registry and that this be given publication through the news media to the public and through existing publications, and that information regarding the registry be furnished to the Department of Correctional Services and Department of Health to be distributed through their publication, and for the first time to provide the public with some information regarding this registry for biological fathers who want to claim paternity. I think this is an improvement in the bill and I'm very grateful to Senator