

SENATOR MATZKE: And they will...they will be significantly requested to do that...

SENATOR WITEK: Okay.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...when the bill is passed because I agree with you, we want that notification of the registry to be available to the public and to people who could use it.

SENATOR WITEK: I find the registry much less intrusive, possibly much less intrusive into the whole procedure of adoption. So I am definitely in favor of strengthening the registry. In one other area you're changing putative to biological. I understand when you say that there might be some people thinking it's punitive and not understanding that, but then I also have some concerns about what if the whole...I've been told the whole reason for doing these changes, other than the court decision, was that we have to give fathers the...their due process in establishing their paternity for these children and then making a decision on whether to relinquish their parental rights. So that's the whole reason for going through all this whole bill.

SENATOR MATZKE: That's correct.

SENATOR WITEK: Then I was told, well...and I said, well a father should know that, I think if you remember my comments, fathers should keep track of who they're possibly, you know, having children with. And then I was told well sometimes mothers don't want the father to know and they don't inform the father and they take some kind of precautions against the father knowing. So if someone wasn't sure that they were the biological father of someone's child, if we put biological father language in here and they're not sure if they're the biological father and maybe they don't...and they turn out not to be the biological father, I mean what are the consequences of that going...that individual going and registering in this registry, not necessarily knowing whether they are the biological father of that child or not?

SENATOR MATZKE: If a man makes the filing and claims he's the biological father, then there's a procedure under the...under LB 712 for the court to actually determine paternity. In other words he's not going to be able to just file and say I'm the