

attorney and agency has not used due diligence, then there is a further step that can be taken by the court. The court can appoint a guardian ad litem to make a separate investigation to determine who the father is, and then it comes before the court as to whether it has been adequately investigated to determine the true identity of the father for purposes of notice.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Pursuing that line of questioning, assuming for a moment a scenario which is not...this is not a worst case scenario,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Matzke, stay on your feet here. I have just a few more questions.

SENATOR MATZKE: Fine.

SENATOR WITEK: I guess my concern is...first of all we're trying to figure out the exact definition for putative, because I'll tell you what my concern is, if we say this is absolutely a biological father registry, then going in that individual has to know or be willing to check if he is the biological father. And that's...and then that's saying this is the purpose of this, is to establish basically who the biological father is. If we retain the word putative, which I think means possible but I'm checking to make sure, then we give an avenue for individuals who aren't sure if they're the father or not, who don't want to be real close to the situation, for whatever reason, but want to be made aware whether this woman's child is...when the child is born. And then at that point that individual can decide, if no other person comes forward and establishes that he is the biological father, that he will then go through those proceedings of establishing whether he is the biological father or not. It's kind of a cushion of...of I'm not sure, but I want to be aware of the proceedings. But...and that was the purpose. So to me it was to kind of give, instead of publication, if they find no biological father through their search, then they can turn to the registry and see who's registered, if this is how the procedure happens, and then notify those individuals that, yes, this mother is putting this child up for adoption, and if you have concerns about this child at this time, you have to come forward. But it's not that you have to come forward for