

sure, if you know what I'm saying. It's not that you have to be involved in it, but you just have to be registered to let them know that there's an individual who is concerned that they might be involved in that adoption.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: We don't want just any man filing a claim of paternity.

SENATOR WITEK: Right.

SENATOR MATZKE: He's going to have to decide in his own mind if he thinks he is the biological father. Did he participate in the conception of that child. We don't want someone just walking in off the street and saying, well I might possibly be a father. He has to make that commitment. We do not want to be easy on him. This is such a serious matter that unless he's willing to come in and claim that he's the biological father, we don't want numerous people coming in and say, well, I might possibly be the father. Let's put the burden...again this goes back to your sense of responsibility. Let's put the burden on him to say if he's going to clutter up the records of this state with a claim of paternity, he's got to be willing to say that he thinks he's the biological father, not that he's just...again the word putative, we may understand that it means possible or supposed or projected, but the...if you talk to ordinary lay people who are not involved in the legislative process, they've never heard the word before and they often interpret it to be punitive and that has no relevancy to this situation, so we just confuse them.

SENATOR WITEK: But what if we're talking about young teenage boys, or married men, or professional people who...who...who know they've been involved in a relationship, or possibly, you know I guess we've even run through the possibility of someone claiming that the biological father is...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...is somebody in particular and that person not being the biological father, then you would have the registry to say, well here's a possible biological father. I guess there's...to me it's more complicated than just saying absolutely if you're the biological father sign here, because