

registry is understandable, so that when it is given the notification and publication that Senator Stuhr has suggested and actually this registry was part of Senator Hall's amendment also, and I at first was reluctant to make it a part of this bill, but they have convinced me that it is a good idea and it should be included. And I think it is a good idea, but I think it's got to be something that is understandable to people, whether they're teenagers or young men or even those that have some education. So I believe that the rewrite of Senator Stuhr's amendment, all it does is just improve the language a little bit. And, as pointed out by Senator Hall's questions, it eliminates the filing fee for this registry, to make it more accessible to anyone, so that no one can be denied the use of it just because they don't have some filing fee that DSS might come up with. So I think this is an improvement on the idea of the registry, and hopefully that will be more workable. I would ask that the...that amendment 1579 be adopted as amending Senator Stuhr's prior amendment, 1518.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Matzke, I have to confess, I had to look the word putative up in the dictionary and I'll bet there were a few others on this floor who did too, a few other nonattorneys. So I like the new language. I'd like to ask a couple of questions of you. I guess it's kind of been bothering me ever since I heard some of Senator Witek's comments on General File. What happens if the woman decides to relinquish rights to the child and let the child be put up for adoption, and at some point in the process the biological father comes forward and, you know, under this bill maybe there's been a notice in the paper or whatever he's found, and the biological...and the natural mother, the biological mother really does not want this father, this biological father to have custody of that child. Are...does she have any rights in this adoption process at that point, or even if the...I guess not even at the point where the child has already gone through the adoption proceedings and the biological father surfaces, as has happened in recent history, but I'm thinking more, I guess, of earlier in the process.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: That's a very critical question, I'm glad you raised that. Once the biological mother has signed the