

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR MATZKE: If you can't get a relinquishment and consent to adoption from the biological father, then you can give him notice, put him under the gun, he's got to file his claim within five days after receiving that notice...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...or his rights are terminated. Now if he shows up in court and wants to contest it, that will be occurring during the six month period, so it will not delay the normal adoption.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, thank you very much.

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

SENATOR STUHR: Madam President and members, I'd just like to repeat some of the positive things that Senator Matzke has said in regard to the registry. As we said before, my amendment actually has to do with establishing the registry. And it is our hope that the registry will give fathers an opportunity to take responsibility for their actions in a proactive manner than a reactive manner. And we feel that this amendment will provide statute to give the opportunity for that father to take responsibility. And I guess I would just ask for support of this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Matzke, if we could continue some of the questioning that I had before. And again, a couple of...really what I was doing was saving you from Senator Schimek because she was on her way over to talk to you, so I thought I'd ask you some questions so she'd have to sit down. So you can thank me later for that. Continuing on, again some of my concerns and to take an old senator, Arlene Nelson's phrase, I know I'm treading on thin water. She'd always say that all the time. But I want to tread anyway. My concern is with the biological father who doesn't know, and it may be because the woman lied. Okay. It was put in the register, publications were made, the biological father has no clue, no idea and all of a sudden later on, for whatever circumstance finds out that he