

made me see that there are some instances where the possible father needs to have some due process or some protection because they may not be aware of it. Legitimately the woman has not made them aware of this, and that's why some of these court cases are cropping up across the country where they're not really sure. So in order to accommodate the male who thinks that they may be involved in the birth of a child, but so that they don't have to come forward, let's say it was a younger boy, or a professional person or a married person, but they want to be notified of the birth of that child, whenever that should happen, you know, other than watching the paper or whatever every day for approximately the same time, or maybe they don't know the approximate time, maybe it's gone over a period of months, that individuals name will be there. And as I understand it then that registry contacts, if this is the way it worked, do they contact...Senator Matzke, maybe you can answer this knowing more about this registry, does the registry contact the individuals who have signed up to the registry upon the birth of the child that they have...no they do not yet.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: No, the registry would be run by the Department of Social Services, they would notify the mother again. If a man files his notice with the Department of Social Services, obviously he knows that he's a possible father.

SENATOR WITEK: A putative father.

SENATOR MATZKE: And the direct...the direct answer to your question is, no, the Department of Social Services does not inform him of the birth. What he would do is he would get notice later on, if there's a petition for adoption filed, so that he can protect his rights if he wants to.

SENATOR WITEK: So those names are given to the attorney in an adoption, or who gets those names from the registry? Who's the final person who gets those names?

SENATOR MATZKE: The mother gets the notice.

SENATOR WITEK: The mother gets the notice of the possible father?

SENATOR MATZKE: Yeah, and that's the reason...