

SENATOR WITEK: And is she the one trying...

SENATOR MATZKE: ...you don't want to just open it to possible fathers, because you don't want people cluttering this up with all types of claims. The man has to take the responsibility and decide does he believe he's the biological father? If he is and he wants to protect his rights he's got to file his claim.

SENATOR WITEK: But if they give that to the mother, who's the same person who's trying to keep the guy out of this, then what purpose does that serve?

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, she's entitled to notice if somebody is claiming to be the father of her child. The main purpose is so that she can advise the agency or the attorney so that he can be given notice.

SENATOR WITEK: But she also has the option then at that point not to...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...tell the attorney that she's been notified by the registry that there's a possible father,...

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, I'm sure the agency would want to know...

SENATOR WITEK: ...especially if it's a father that she doesn't want involved.

SENATOR MATZKE: In the normal case the woman would...you don't get to the problem unless she wants to put the child out for adoption. If she wants to put the child out for adoption then she's talking to the agency or the attorney, and of course she's going to tell them that somebody has made this filing.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay. Well, I guess I see why they arrived at the word putative, although you're right, it's not used very much in daily conversation. But it does encompass more of the possibilities for this situation than just the word biological. And also if we say biological, I wonder if we're make...if we have...if that individual has to establish immediately that they are the biological father. No, they do not. Okay.