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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to ask a quick question of Senator Matzke, if I might.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Certainly.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Matzke, in the instance where a young woman conceives and wishes to conduct her term of pregnancy and have the child, give it up for adoption in a completely anonymous position so that she is relatively unknown and she gives up the child with no strings attached, wants to remain unknown or anonymous in the whole situation, like many times in the past has happened, what happens under this bill in that circumstance?

SENATOR MATZKE: Well that can certainly be done because she would disclose to the agency or to her attorney who the father was. The father would be contacted and a relinquishment and consent to adoption would be obtained from him, that would be filed with the court. All of those documents are sealed, they are not public documents, and it could be done totally confidentially.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I want to just focus on a couple of things. I guess I'm sorry I missed part of the first part of this discussion. I do have...sometimes when you work with something long enough some things start to click and I do have some questions or comments to talk through at least with perhaps Senator Matzke, if he would yield to a question or discussion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: I'll be happy to.

SENATOR BROMM: The change that we're making with Senator Stuhr's amendment and your amendment with regard to the