

father. But this is different than what we had in the past, and I want to be sure that the record reflects that.

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, I know what your concerns are. I share the same concerns. But what it does is it places more responsibility on any father who comes in and says I want to claim to be the father and I want my legal rights. If he's going to claim that, then he's going to have to submit to his...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...his desire to have custody to the court so that that can be adjudicated at the beginning. We don't want anymore cases like this case that was in the World-Herald this week, where a man can wait around three years until the children become part of another family and then have him come in and say, now I want custody. We want to give him his rights, but he's got to make his decision and take his responsibility right off the bat, before that child is adopted. And then we've got a decision by the court. It is a stern law, I think, but it requires the biological father to make his mind up.

SENATOR BROMM: Do we know if the registries in other states also require that the father that signs the registry seek custody?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Bromm, part of the discussion I was going to get to, this is my third time so I'm not going to get to it, I don't think, because there are some other points I want to say, was the area that you were talking about. My sense is the only way to procedurally move on this issue would be actually to agree with the amendment to the amendment, which then becomes the Stuhr amendment. Actually the amendment to the amendment is the Stuhr amendment, and then we'd be able to put up an amendment to strike that portion of it for discussion sake, to see if that's a thing that needs to be done or not. I mean I'm comfortable about voting for the amendment to the amendment now with that portion in there, but I don't see any other procedural way to get to that discussion. So I'm going to be voting to advance the amendment to the amendment, but I do...I would like to see Senator Bromm offer that amendment for discussion purposes on possibly