

striking the custody part. And, Senator Matzke, just...I'm not going to ask it in this question right away, but I want you to know that when you hold up the paper and say we don't want these things to happen, everyone in this Chamber agrees with you, nobody wants to. But on the other hand I take the right of a mother and the right of a father very seriously as well. And I don't want to trample on one right in order to make something else happen so we create an injustice on the other side. And I am very, very concerned about parental rights. Do I want a child to be in a family for X number of years and then be jerked out of that family environment? Do I think that's best for the child? I don't know what's best for the child. My sense is that's probably not the best thing for the child. But I also know children are very flexible. I know children have parents that die and they have to move to grandparents or whatever. And I know that they die and they have to move elsewhere. I know kids are in one foster home and another foster home, so I understand that these things happen, and we'd all like to have nice environ...nice, stable environments. But I am concerned with a father who wants to carry some responsibility but may not feel that custody is in the best interests of the child. And I know your comments were on the custody side that we don't want...we want the father to come forward and say they want custody right away and then the court would decide. My sense is that's going to take a long time for the court to decide as well. And one of the things we were trying to stop is that if there is an adoption or something is going to take place you didn't want some father to come in and screw things up, put things on hold, while if there's a custody fight in the adjudication within the court that's going to take some time as well. And I do think there is a room somewhere for a father who recognizes that his personal situation is one that custody may not be the best...his personal custody...having custody of a child that may be his is not...may not be the best thing for the child but wants to have some responsibility, wants to have some relationship, wants to have some way to talk with or substantially monetarily, if they can, you know, have some impact in that life. And I'm not sure I'm willing to cut that off so that we can stop one case from ever happening again. And I'm really struggling with that issue. I'm also struggling on the issue of the biological father if in fact the woman has not...has lied and now I have to come through and I'm going to have to say I am the biological father, when in fact I may not know, I may have a suspicion, but I may not know.