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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And if I don't know now I have to, under this particular amendment that we have, I'm going to have to come forward to the registry, make a claim and say I'd like custody in an area that I'm not even sure if I'm the father at some point. And I'm uncomfortable with that...with how we're...with that whole process. I'm not uncomfortable with what you're trying to do on the bill. Substantially I agree with the bill, but there are portions of it that I still don't feel very comfortable with and I hope there will be some amendments offered or some clarifications made at least after we agree to this amendment to the amendment so then we're at least freed up to offer amendments, if we feel an amendment is necessary. I thank the Chair.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Witek, your light is next but you've spoken three times. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I haven't gotten into this debate at all and I think I heard Senator Matzke say something when I was downstairs, and I want to ask him, Senator Matzke, did you make a comment to the effect that the mother would be able, having placed the child for adoption, to revoke that adoption for the purpose of retaking custody in order to challenge the effort of the father to obtain custody?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Well that's not exactly what the bill says. What the bill...well, to begin with, once a woman has signed a relinquishment and consent...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-huh.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...voluntarily acknowledge, she cannot withdraw that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-huh.

SENATOR MATZKE: Now in the event that notice is given the biological father, and under this bill he comes in and claims custody and she's faced with the question of whether he gets