

custody, she does have the right to withdraw her relinquishment and consent for the purpose of claiming custody herself. So that if the biological father comes in and challenges the adoption and says, I don't want this child to be adopted, I want custody, then she has the flexibility to withdraw her consent and relinquishment and ask for custody herself.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what would her purpose be, would she be prohibited after that from relinquishing custody again so that an adoption could occur?

SENATOR MATZKE: Well I suppose you'd start at square one again. If she obtained custody in that instance and she has withdrawn her consent and relinquishment, it would be as if there were no adoption proceedings at all, it would be her child and she would have any other legal right that she would have under any other circumstance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Matzke, would you be opposed to putting in the bill the right for this young mother to revoke her relinquishment say within 30 days for any reason? She might just want the child.

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, that's a fundamental question of policy that frankly we did not want to get into in this bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I have to make a comment here. Adopting babies has become a big business. Religious groups are the ones who don't like this bill because there is money involved in carrying out these adoptions. Those things have not been said. That's where the interest is. What we did on welfare shows, yesterday, that there's no real concern about the welfare of children, but there's all this concern about this adoption question because of these agencies financial interest. And again business if predominating over the rights of the best interests of these children. Why in the world are you going to say that a mother can revoke her relinquishment in order to challenge the father who wants custody, but she cannot revoke that relinquishment because she wants in fact to keep her child. This is a stratagem to help these agencies and to keep this ball bouncing back and forth. The man says, I want my child, but you want to put in a provision that says in order to prevent him from obtaining custody the mother can relinquish...can revoke her relinquishment for the purpose of challenging and frustrating his attempt to obtain custody. If you don't believe