

the woman should be able to revoke that relinquishment because she wants to keep the child, it is cynical for you to say that it is a better policy to let her revoke only for the purpose of preventing this man, who wants the child,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...from having his child. When we talk about welfare you all do all this yapping about these men who will not assume their responsibilities toward their children. And when you have one willing to jump through these hoops to have custody of his child, you're saying we want to do everything we can to frustrate that, so we're going to allow the woman to relin...to revoke that relinquishment in this instance to stop this father, but she cannot revoke because she wants to be the mother. This is one of the most cynical bills not trying to give the father the rights, but the objections to it by all these religious hypocrites and all these people who talk about family values. These bills show how dishonest all of that is. And I want that in the record.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: I don't really want, Madam President, members of the Legislature, don't really want to get into a philosophical argument with Senator Chambers. Certainly his point of view is a valid point of view that many states have followed. Many state have statutory provisions which permit a woman who has relinquished a child for adoption to revoke that within a period of days. That has never been the philosophy in Nebraska because what it leads to is if you allow a woman to withdraw or revoke her relinquishment then you end up having to put babies in foster homes for 30 or 60 days while you are involved in an adoption contest. And the theory of our adoption law for many years has been that we're very protective of a woman's rights, she cannot be pressured, she must voluntarily acknowledge her relinquishment, once she's made it, it's final, in fact our courts have just ruled that in a case. That has to be observed very carefully and the courts scrutinize that very carefully to make sure that it was in fact a voluntary relinquishment. But if you change the law to permit a woman a period of time to withdraw that relinquishment, what are you going to do with the baby? You put the baby in limbo and you create a situation where the only thing that can be done is to put that kaby in a foster home or in some type of institution,