

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I do. Madam President, I was going to vote for the motion to bracket but I like Senator Bohlke's idea of allowing an additional period of discussion while the issue has been framed in the terms that it has so that when we come back we don't have to start from ground zero and renew it. However, I am opposed to the bill in its present form. And I think the bracket might give us an opportunity to work it out. Senator Matzke and I were discussing some points, but he hasn't persuaded me to withdraw the concerns that I have, nor to persuade me, I didn't tell him I was going to do this, to offer an amendment. Here is what is troubling to me, I don't see concern for the child in any of these discussions. And I'm intending to be as condemnatory as possible to all of those who support this idea of saying that a woman who relinquishes a child for adoption can subsequently revoke that relinquishment only for the purpose of frustrating the effort of the biological father to obtain custody of his child. It is not just the woman's child. So if you're going to allow the revocation, it has to be available to the mother who decides she wants her child. The case that Senator Matzke mentioned the other day, and I'm not going into all the details, involved a woman who was not too swift and did not understand the paper she signed. But because there is such a commercial aspect to the adoption of children, baby peddling I call it, this woman was determined to have made an irrevocable decision. Now we're talking about a child. Under the circumstances of just having given birth, maybe not being sure of what kind of support or help will be available for her, she makes a decision, which under ordinary circumstances would be considered coerced, we're moral people now when we talk about these things in other context, responsibility to support your child and so forth. But once she makes that pressure-packed decision under pressure it is deemed irrevocable and she never has the opportunity to have her child. This can happen to young women, it can happen to older women, it can happen to educated women, it can happen to uneducated women. But because the interests of these baby peddling operations, whether they are private or religious, are deemed to be paramount in this society, the only basis under which a mother can revoke that relinquishment is to frustrate the effort of the father to obtain custody of his child. Now with this bill, LB 592, you want to take away drivers' licenses, you want to take away professional licenses because you say it is such a reprehensible thing for a man not to support his children that he shouldn't have these licenses if he won't do it, then you