

paternity and then that is set for hearing, this would occur during the six months prior to the finalization of the adoption and there would be a hearing, he'd have to do it at that time and then she would have to elect at that time to revoke her prior relinquishment and consent and claim custody. So it would have to happen prior to the adoption and it would not necessarily delay the adoption, but it would happen some time during that six months prior to the entry of the decree of adoption.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Senator Matzke, and it's been difficult to follow along and know at what point to raise some questions, but one of my concerns certainly is the fact that we have two individuals who are more or less, probably very much at odds with each other and what we would allow then the mother to do is to withdraw that relinquishment, sometimes not obviously for the sake of the child, but to possibly be in retaliation in relationship that she does not want the father not only to have custody, she probably wouldn't even want the father, you know, to have any continued relationship with that child and so that's what my questions...

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...are leading to and my concern is that you get this mentality that I'll show you, I'll get even with you and, therefore, withdraw that and in the meantime then we have the problem with the child is the one who suffers, and so that's along my lines of concern, plus it does seem to me that if we allow that first six months for the father to come back and then not allow the mother, as I understand it, to withdraw her relinquishment earlier on. It seems to me to be a little bit of conflict, but I'll listen as we continue on the debate of the bill to make that determination and certainly respect the work you've done, Senator Matzke, and the input you can have in explaining that and the ramifications of the amendment and what it does, particularly for...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...this situation.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.