

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, and, Senator Bromm, I'm not saying the motive force for offering this bill was these adoption groups, I'm saying the religious aspects of it are the ones who are opposing letting the father have any rights. That's why we have all this confusion. Some Catholic operations don't like what is being done and we may as well call the animal by its name. That's where the contention is. They want to have the smooth, easy way to get these children from these mothers and adopt them out and the father cannot interfere and the mother cannot retract her consent. And on this issue as I'm saying, I don't mind making you all angry enough to bite nails or angry enough to kill me except you're afraid you might go to jail for it. I don't care how you feel on this one at all and I'm not trying to placate you. I want to make you as angry as I can and then when we get to you hypocrites trying to say take these drivers' licenses, I'm going to put it in your face again. You don't want this father to have his child. That's what you're saying and that is reprehensible. You all may not have thought deeply about what you're doing because you don't follow this bill like you don't follow a lot of bills, but I pay attention to these things and maybe because I'm not religious, I'm able to be more objective and I don't have some church or some priest or somebody telling me, carry water because this is what I want. I make my decisions and my judgments based on what I think is at least fair. Now I'm going to try to state it as clearly and succinctly as I can. First of all, I look at the woman who gives birth and I do not think a decision made to relinquish a child and give consent to an adoption should be made in the first few days after birth and be irrevocable and be irrevocable. There are decisions less serious than that which can be revoked even in the realm of commerce where we're making contacts dealing with money. The law has what it calls an adhesion contract and that means one party had such an advantage over the other that if they make the weaker party enter this contract, the weaker party can have the contract annulled because of the lack of equality in their bargaining positions. That's in the realm of commerce and you're talking in the area of a mother giving up her child and you don't want her to have the opportunity that business people have been given under the law. You all are the ones who talk about the family values. You all are the ones who do that preaching. You don't hear me doing it except to put it in your face because I know it is hypocritical and I know that children by and large are hated in