

this society. That's why there is so much abuse and the only time there is great interest shown in them is not when we deal with a bill like yesterday where we're saying make sure that the mother can feed and clothe and take care of the child. It's only when somebody that you respect has a financial interest in it. Then you talk about the child. That is the only time. And now what I'm saying, it is despicable for you hypocrites to sit here and say that the mother, once she has made an agreement to relinquish, has made an irrevocable decision, if you're talking about her taking the child back because now she wants to mother this child.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it's all right for her to revoke if the purpose is to stop the father. And can't you see it now? These adoption agencies, the adoptive family going to the mother and saying, hey, I know you don't want this child, but you can stop this father from getting him and we'll pay you so much and so much if you'll do this and you engender litigation, you are the ones who are causing this child to become a ping-pong ball. The child, let's say, goes back to the mother because the biological father and the biological mother are equally situated and you have a judge who favors the mother. Then once she gets the child they can start all over again to saying, relinquish this child and give consent to adoption and we will wear this father out. That is wrong, terribly wrong.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, I understand there is an amendment on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Bernard-Stevens and Bromm would move to amend. (FA138 appears on page 1607 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to open on your amendment, the amendment to the Stuhli amendment, is that correct, Mr. Clerk?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, and, Senator Bromm, I'll give you a few...most of the opening on this amendment. There was a question that was actually brought up by Senator Bromm which is a concern that I had as well. Senator Bromm articulated it better, and the amendment basically on, again, page 1603 of the Journal, the