

someone might want to sign the registry who might not necessarily want to take custody of the child. They might want to be acknowledged as the father. They might want to provide medical support for the mother and for the child. They might not be in a position where they could take custody of the child, they just don't have a suitable situation to obtain custody to ask for custody.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Does this preclude them then from stating that they would like to obtain custody?

SENATOR BROMM: No. You mean by taking these words out?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah.

SENATOR BROMM: No, no, but by signing the list or the registry you're not necessarily saying I not only want to claim paternity, but I want to take custody of the child. You're just saying I want to be acknowledged as the father of the child and assume the responsibilities associated with that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But the practical effect of that then would be that nobody would sign the registry at that point and say that they would like to have custody.

SENATOR BROMM: That was one of my concerns, that if we left the words in there they might not sign the registry and we want them to sign the registry if they're interested.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But...no, what I'm saying is if they sign the registry and claim paternity and we take these words custody out, they may not stipulate at that time that they're wanting to obtain custody and we wouldn't have that notification at that point.

SENATOR BROMM: If they signed the registry and there's an adoption that follows, they're going to get notice from the attorney handling the adoption. It's going to give them a chance to either go ahead and pursue custody or to relinquish their paternal rights or their right...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So you don't think this will make any difference in the mother knowing...I mean this will delay to some degree the mother knowing whether the biological father would like to obtain custody.