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SENATOR BROMM: She will never know for sure until he has been given official notice...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR BROMM: ...and has signed a relinquishment or failed to respond to the notice. He could come in for that at any time after getting the official notice.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR BROMM: But I don't want to chill people from signing the registry...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I see the point.

SENATOR BROMM: ...because I think it serves a valuable purpose.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I see your point. You know I was sitting quietly in my office listening to the debate and Senator Chambers got started and it brought me running back in here because I think I was the one who asked the question of Senator Matzke in the first place about the mother having second thoughts upon finding that the biological father would like custody and, Senator Chambers, I know you're busy right now but...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...I want to assure you that I'm not representing any religion nor am I representing any adoption agency, but I think it's absolutely critical that the mother, upon learning that the biological father wants custody, has the opportunity to do that, to revoke that relinquishment because when she signed that relinquishment she thought that baby was going to an adoptive couple. You put another new factor in there, the biological father getting custody and that may totally turn her around on relinquishment. I think that she needs to have that opportunity at that point because the situation has changed. When she signed relinquishment, she didn't have any idea that the biological father might get custody, but I do...I'm running out of time but I do understand your...