

biological father to obtain custody of his child. That's what we're looking at and that's what you all are doing and because you do have other factors bearing on you from the outside, you cannot look at it in the clean lines that I can. This is a situation which we cannot hide from. Now the second question that I am concerned about and I really, in point of importance, make it the first and paramount question. Should a mother who during stressful, maybe even unstable times for her, be deemed in the law to have knowingly, willingly, voluntary...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...made a decision which should be irrevocable so that she can never be in a position to claim her child as her child. When we're talking about the question of abortion people want to talk about the bonding that occurs between the mother-to-be and the child-to-be. The child comes into the world and all of a sudden everything changes, not just on the welfare questions that I've discussed, but on the question of the relationship between that mother and the child who is now a child in being. You all don't want to deal with it, but I'm going to force us to deal with it one way or the other and we're going to get a vote on it. But on Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment I think I probably will vote aye for that instead of sitting it out.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke, on the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Senator Bohlke waives off. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of the Bernard-Stevens amendment. The reason that the obtain custody was placed in this amendment was to just to make the language consistent with the other parts of the bill. But I agree that the registry would at least help in claiming paternity. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, as I said, I didn't have time to finish my thoughts with you a while ago and you know I've never been through an adoption. I never tried to adopt, I've never given a baby up for adoption and I can't imagine all the pressures and all of the emotions that one must go through on both sides, but you know, we have to try to imagine ourselves in that position when