

Services, I didn't like inference that he might be able to come into the hearing and start all over again and delay the adoption and cause anguish, confusion and delay. And so I ask the body to go ahead and strike Section 16, a very minor change to Section 17, which doesn't really affect anything in Section 17, in my opinion, basically striking Section 16, and I ask you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question now is the adoption of the Bromm amendment, AM1446. All those in favor of adoption of the Bromm amendment vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Call of the house and I would accept call-in votes, but I don't know if I'm going to really have to do that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Record.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bromm's amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Bromm amendment is adopted. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to amend with AM1503, Mr. President. (See page 1535 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. AM1503 refers to page 7 of the bill, the E & R amendments which now is the bill, on Journal page 1535. And what this does is beginning on line 21 where it refers to the...if the court finds that the agency or the attorney representing the biological mother or the biological mother, herself, did not exercise due diligence under Sections 1 through 9, or if the court finds there is no credible evidence that...providing notice to the father would represent a threat to the safety of the child or the mother, the court can appoint...it says the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interests of the biological father. What my amendment does, in line 21, is to strike the reference to "or the biological mother herself". So instead of saying that the court has to find that...the court could find that the