

biological mother did not exercise due diligence, the court would have to find that the agency or the attorney representing the mother did not exercise due diligence in complying with Sections 1 to 9. My rationale is I'm not sure what due diligence would be on the part of the biological mother. I understand what it would be when you're talking about the attorney that represents her having to follow the steps set forth in the law, give the proper notices, have everything in order for the hearing. The agency would have to have followed all of the requirements that the agency has to adhere to in the adoption process and all the steps under this bill. But when you say that the court could find that the mother did not exercise due diligence, I don't know what that means. And not knowing what it means, it makes me nervous having it in there and unless someone can convince me that there is a real valid purpose for that language, I see it as a... I see it as a problem or a cloud that could come up at some point in the adoption process in certain cases and, therefore, I would encourage the body to just strike that language out, leaving due diligence requirement in for the agency and the attorney but not the biological mother.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Would like to introduce guests of Senator Wehrbein. In the north balcony, we have 30 fourth grade students from Louisville, Nebraska, and their teacher. Would you folks please stand. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this again is an issue that Senator Bromm and I have debated and discussed and analyzed and I believe there is probably a lot of common sense to his point of view so I would join him in asking that AM1503 be adopted.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely passes off. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Bromm a question, maybe a few questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.