

SENATOR BROMM: The latter.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, based on that, and I won't just keep asking you these questions. Thank you, Senator Bromm. Based on that, due diligence should be an obligation of everybody who is a part in this process. Every player, every actor should perform according to the same requirements and standards. If you take away the requirement of due diligence then you exempt the mother from doing the things in an appropriate manner that are required. It's like saying these are the items we want properly dealt with, but if they're not dealt with in a diligent manner, that's okay. What I'm saying now is to be distinguished from the concerns I was expressing this morning about a mother being denied certain rights to reassert an interest in having her child. I'm talking now about the procedures and processes that will come into play as a result of the enactment of this legislation. And if you're not going to re...let me ask Senator Bromm a question, another one.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, is there any place in the bill which requires the biological father to operate on the basis of due diligence?

SENATOR BROMM: I don't think so, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if he does not carry out every specific requirement then he is out. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, he only has to do a very minimal. He just has to go in and sign his name with Social Services, really.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you a question. We talk about everybody else being in substantial compliance, does it make that same statement with reference to the father...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that he must be in substantial compliance?

SENATOR BROMM: I don't think so, Senator Chambers.