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him for his work on this and his suggestion on this. I don't want you to think that we...that this was totally a matter of friendship. It wasn't. We debated these issues and spent a lot of hours arguing about what the best language was to put the best intention in the act. And I think this is one where Senator Jensen is absolutely right. We don't want to have the bill come out as a mandate to agencies to obtain relinquishments and consents from biological fathers. We wanted to merely tell them that they must advise the biological father of his rights and then let him make his own decision. So I would join with Senator Jensen in requesting approval of this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Bromm. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Jensen a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Jensen, the first amendment that you offer, on page 1 of the committee amendments deals only with the father in the singular, the term "father" in the singular because the language deals with father in the singular. On page 2, the language you strike says "from a biological father or possible biological fathers". Is your intent in striking that to eliminate any obligation to possible biological fathers?

SENATOR JENSEN: Fathers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Because that's the...

SENATOR JENSEN: That would be plural.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...language in the bill.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They're saying in order to attempt...I'm going to read the original language without your amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On page 2, starting in line 24, in order to attempt to obtain a relinquishment and consent to adoption or a