

amendment is to make sure that nobody thinks the agency has to obtain this relinquishment and consent to adoption from the father. That's what his intent is and it is not to say that if there are possible other fathers, if there are others who possibly could be the father, they would not be notified. So, in his amendment, on page 5, after the term "father" in his amendment, on page 5, we would reinsert "or possible biological fathers". And I'm going to offer that as an amendment to his and then I will be through with that point.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: I would accept that amendment as soon as he gets it completed.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It's my judgment that it might be the most expeditious thing to do at the moment to just stand at ease for a second, although probably if the membership wants to move on with business, they could insist on doing that. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Jensen's amendment. On line 5, after the word "father" insert "or possible biological fathers". (See FA139 on page 1611 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, so that it's clear what was done because Senator Jensen and I discussed it in detail, if you look at his amendment, in line 5 of his amendment, he is amending the language in line 26 by striking some language. What we are doing is reinserting the words "or possible biological fathers", which I think must have been inadvertently stricken. So after the word "father" in Senator Jensen's amendment we would reinsert the words "or possible biological fathers". Because if you will notice, the purpose of his amendment is to do away with the word "obtain" and instead require that the biological father be informed of the right he has to execute these papers and not to indicate that there is a duty being placed on these who are giving the notification to obtain those signatures from the father. All they are required to do is inform him or them, as the case may be, of their right to execute these forms. So it does not change the sense of what Senator Jensen wants to have done. That is what the amendment is and I will ask that you adopt it.