

neither here nor there for me. I have no fear at all that this might lead to testing of a mother prior to delivery for purposes of completing this affidavit. That is not an issue at all for me, but I would like to see...and if it's stricken, I will bring it to a vote. I understand, based on Senator Matzke's earlier comments, that he believes it should remain there. I just don't think it's necessary if, in some cases, it will be filled out, in others it will not. The fact that the...I can't...don't believe that there is going to be any misunderstanding with regard to the child in question. So the issue of whether it's a male or female really probably doesn't make any difference at this point and rather than have some affidavits that would be checked and others that would not, just striking the language does not, I don't feel, impact in any detrimental way the affidavit, but if it appears Senator Matzke believes differently, I guess I understand that, but please make it very clear, for my purposes, that it is not because of some tests that I feel might need to be made on the expectant mother. And, with that, I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Matzke and let him respond to the amendment as it's offered.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Matzke, about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Senator Hall, I appreciate that. It's merely included as a matter of identification. As I've stated before, almost, you know, the adoptive birth certificates, other documents that are filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics and courts identify the sex and there was no hidden agenda or any secret ideas along this line. I, frankly, don't think this is a major issue one way or the other. It would certainly not weaken the affidavit to have that deleted, so, rather than debate the matter with you, I will just consent to your amendment and urge its adoption.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Matzke. I cut you a little bit short. You had a lot more time than that but that's...Senator Matzke, your light is on next. Senator Hall, no further lights. Closing has been waived. The question is the adoption of the Hall amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Hall amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, the