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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR MATZKE: When they make that decision, they want it to be final, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...but under this bill if the biological father is going to come in at a later time and say, oh, no, I don't want this child to be adopted, I want custody. Then the mother should have the right to say, as between you, who have abandoned me, and the adoptive parents, who want to adopt this child, I'll just take custody back. It is a protection of the mother against the biological father to equalize the contest...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...between them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Okay, Senator Matzke, on the issue of a waiting period for a woman seeking an abortion, I've talked to women and I know they've thought about it. Would you vote to repeal the requirement that a woman wait 24 hours before she obtain an abortion?

SENATOR MATZKE: That's an issue that is far afield of what...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...we are discussing today.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Okay, and on your time. Members of the Legislature, you all said that a woman, who wants an abortion, must wait those hours to think again, and yet again, if possible, but here where there is a child in being, you are saying that once she signs that paper, no matter what the circumstances, then it is irrevocable and she cannot change her mind. Do you see the hypocrisy I am talking about? When we talk about abortion, it is one thing because you are talking about a fetus. But when we are talking about a child in being and a mother, who may have signed away that child under duress, she cannot change her mind under any circumstances, not under any circumstances, and we are going to get a vote on my amendment so that I can use the term hypocrite, liar, trickster throughout the session, and I assure you I will. And don't talk