

talking about a totally different situation. If there is duress, then a relinquishment is invalid and can be contested and they have been set aside by courts. So his argument is a non sequitur. We are talking about voluntary relinquishments which will stand up. Once the mother has made that decision, there is no reason to graft onto that a waiting period of a week or 30 days or 90 days just to add to her anguish and her concern and her worry over whether she did the right thing. Under our situation and our law, you have the opportunity to take all of the time you want in making that decision, and the agencies and attorneys are very conscientious in making her, making the woman realize that the decision is a final decision. Now, having said that about Nebraska law, I will acknowledge the same thing that Senator Wesley has said, and that is that other states do it differently. I think other states are wrong. I think the procedures of other states are abominable, and I think they add burdens to the birth mother. I think they provide situations where babies have to be held in foster homes or institutions during a waiting period. I think that no one should be, no woman should be pressured into it. They should be given all the time in the world, but once the decision is made, it should be final. Senator Chambers' amendment that talks about 90 days is simply going to fill up the orphanages and the foster homes with babies for 90 days, and is virtually going to eliminate adoption in this state. Not only is it disadvantageous to all concerned, it is an issue that received no hearing in this bill at all. This was not an issue before the committee. It was not discussed. It was not an issue that was considered by the interim study committee because it is solely...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...a different policy decision. If he wants to make...if he wants to change the fundamental law of this state in this regard, then he should, as I told him this morning, introduce his own bill, permit time for a public hearing on it, and then debate that issue solely. It has very little to do with the notice bill, which is LB 712, and I would urge everyone to vote adversely on this amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, on the Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I think there is a little bit of confusion on the