

child is gone and you will never see the child again.

SENATOR BROMM: In a private placement?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, if there has been fraud or duress, I think there have been cases that are indicated that that relinquishment and consent in a private placement really wasn't effective until the adoption decree was entered, which would be a minimum six months later.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you are talking, Senator Bromm, about legal fraud and legal duress, you are talking about something other than what I am talking about in terms of psychological and emotional duress, which these types of groups know how to exert against a woman. They would be too cagey to just come right out and do it in a way that would put them in violation of the law. So to give this woman some time that she is guaranteed to reflect, we would give her, and I don't know exactly what amount of time Senator Bernard-Stevens is going to offer, but, remember, if the woman had made up her mind irrevocably, then...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...she is not going to take advantage of this time.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I think this is a significant policy departure, and I would urge the body to defeat the amendment, and I am not sure, if we are going to change this part of the law, I am not so sure we shouldn't take a separate bill and go through public hearing and a process and do it. This is significant change. Even if we change it to five days or something like that, I guess I'd like to know what other states do. I would have some questions about that. Are we going to limit this to the mother, or is it also going to be applicable to the father in terms of the relinquishment and consent? We have a form in the statutes now, the actual form. It says it must be witnessed, notarized, and there has been a body of case law developed around it, and this is one thing that I probably...I think I will oppose making any significant changes in it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk, did you