

adopted children. I saw how she instantly loved those children, just like I instantly love my children. I bonded with my children after birth. You can't necessarily bond before.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: That bonding comes after you have that child, and lengthening that period of time is not going to give that person making this decision, I don't believe it is going to help that person. I think it is going to prolong their decision, and it is an agonizing decision, and I don't think you're doing the woman a favor, even though I know you, in all good faith, think you are doing a woman a favor, I don't believe you are doing a woman a favor, whether it is 14 days or 90 days, and I think you are damaging the adoption process, and you are keeping it from being a process of having that child in the best settings for their future as soon as possible, and that should be the direction that we are going in here. And this amendment and the amendment of Senator Chambers' takes it in a totally different direction, and I hope people will not think that Bernard-Stevens' amendment is any better or different than the Chambers' amendment. Sorry, they are both bad amendments to me.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Witek wiped out her whole argument when she said bonding comes after birth. She said I don't suppose the bonding comes before the child is born. She said she bonded with her children immediately after being born, bonding comes after birth. And that's what I am saying. See, you all think, because I haven't been pregnant, I don't understand some of the problems that women confront. But you all don't know how many women and in what circumstances they come to me for help and assistance. You all have no idea how many I have helped or who they are, and that part of it would shock some of you. And I want them to know that I would not give their name to anybody, just to rake a point. As to Senator Matzke talking about all his experience in this, he didn't learn very much because he talks about it like somebody selling a bushel of corn for one price rather than another. I am going to ask Senator Wesely a question, if he will come back here. Senator Wesely, while you are coming, why should we do anything about prenatal care? Who are we helping when we talk about prenatal care? And be quick,