

amendment by Senator Chambers, found on page 1620 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, if I am correct in what this amendment to the amendment would do, it will provide a 30-day period after a woman has signed away her child to reconsider and revoke that arrangement. I have had discussions with Senator Matzke and Senator Wesely. Thirty days may be too long a period, in fact, it probably is too long a period. I had started out thinking about six months because the giving up of a child is such an important thing that a decision made under stress and possible duress ought not be binding on the woman. Should she have a second thought when she is not under that pressure, she may want to revoke the consent she signed to give her child up for adoption. The 30-day period which I am offering as an amendment is probably too long. Senator Bernard-Stevens had offered an amendment to cut the time to 14 days. In giving very serious thought to the issue and having looked at some of the cases wherein a woman revoked or wanted to revoke her consent that usually would occur within the first two or three days. So I told Senator Wesely and Senator...my seatmate Senator Matzke that I wanted to reduce it to 72 hours. Senator Wesely continued to bludgeon, so I had said I would agree to 48 hours. I don't really know what their position is on that amount of time. If that would be a point from which we could argue, I would substitute an amendment which would say 48 hours. So let me ask Senator Matzke a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Matzke, the way that I would have to get my 48-hour issue before us is to substitute it for what I have up there. So rather than go through the motions of discussing a 30-day period when that is out of the question, would you have any objection to my substituting the 48-hour period and then we could go ahead and discuss that instead of going through these others first?

SENATOR MATZKE: No, I have no objection to the substitution. I will oppose the 48 hours as we've already discussed, but I would have no objection and that...I would appreciate your doing that.