

sack of feed. We're not talking about a set of encyclopedias. If an encyclopedia salesperson came to your home and you signed a contract to purchase these encyclopedias, you would have a certain number of days to rescind that contract and we're just talking about the expenditure of money for a product, but when it comes to a decision that a woman under pressure and duress would make relative to giving up her child forever, the Legislature wants to say that once she makes that decision she does not have the prerogatives that somebody who enters a commercial contract would have. It is more sacred to protect the channels of commerce by letting a consumer rescind a contract than it is to allow a young mother to change her mind about giving up her child. Forty-eight hours is not too long for this society to give a woman to reconsider this position. I know that there will be statements about adoption agencies not wanting to take time, adoptive parents champing at the bit to snatch the infant and shoot back to California or Minneapolis or wherever they came from to purchase this baby. We are talking, in a sense, about commercial transactions because the child, when it comes to the mother and her relationship to the child, the child is a commodity, that's all. Once she gives up title it's gone. When we talk about the adoptive parents, they are loving parents to be. They are concerned, they are considerate. This is no longer a commodity for them, this is a baby, a human being whom they want to rear. So we should not change our point of reference. The mother is a mother. The baby is a baby and she should have the opportunity to change her mind. I think it is cold-blooded. I think it is cold-hearted to let this young woman who can be influenced by a doctor, a lawyer, representatives of adoption agencies and, in some cases, even family members be put in a set of circumstances where she feels alone, vulnerable and set upon.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: She would sign away the rights forever to her child. I think that is inappropriate and my amendment is imminently reasonable. If we're talking about women bringing pregnancies to term, we should not say that the relationship to the fetus, before being born, is the same as the relationship after the child comes into the world. That is different and we need to recognize it and give this mother 48 hours to reconsider that decision.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Matzke.