

tough enough for them, and I can tell you from experience they spend seven or eight months or from the time they become pregnant agonizing over this decision. It isn't made in the 24 hours necessarily after birth, or the 36 hours. In most cases, they go through counseling.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: They speak with many, many people about this decision in trying to decide whether it's best for the child, whether it's best for themselves, whether it's best for all concerned that they go through with the adoption or not. That decision is generally made during that seven or eight months prior to birth at a time when they're not under duress, at a time when they are thinking, hopefully, about the child and what's best for the child, and not...and not during an emotional perhaps 24 hours following birth when they're still coming out from under medication and perhaps seeing the child for the first time. I don't know about you but when I make a major decision on my life I always want to look back and try to decide whether or not I made the right decision or not. That's a natural thing, very natural thing, and I think it would be natural for this to place more pressure on the birth mother, once she has signed the relinquishment, to think, well, I've only got 24 hours, I've only got 36 hours, should I change my mind. I don't think we're doing them a favor.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I rise in support of the Chambers amendment, and, philosophically, I think it's good. Senator Matzke, I just...you can do it by nodding your head, you don't have to get up and speak, but if Senator Chambers' concept that I had a couple...on General File, it's not a new subject, by the way, we talked about it on General File where I had the 14-day amendment, but if it would have had a hearing and the bill would have come out with this change in it, would you have supported it?