

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chambers amendment fails. I raise the call.

CLERK: Senator Chambers, you have the next amendment to the bill, Senator. Reads, on page 10, lines 7 and 8 of the committee amendments, put a period after the word "act" and strike the remaining language through line 8.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have, in conjunction with Senator Bromm, a substitute amendment that I would like to offer.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any objection to the substitution? Seeing none, it's so ordered. Senator Chambers. (See AM7054 as found on pages 1939-40 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I will speak very briefly to the aspect of the amendment which I had up there originally and make it clear that I support what Senator Bromm's portion of the amendment will do. There was some language in the bill and this really goes to technical, legal matters, it was talking about circumstances under which one of these adoptions could not be challenged and that's whether the court had juris...even if the court didn't have jurisdiction over the subject matter, over the parties and so forth, things which, if left in the bill, would be absolutely and utterly unconstitutional. A court which has no jurisdiction cannot render a valid decision. If I wanted to sabotage this bill I could have left that bad language in there. I don't like the bill because I think it's very unfair to these mothers, but I want Senator Dierks to be aware of what I'm doing on this bill. I'm offering an amendment that improves a bill that I don't like. It appears that this bill is going to go so my better angels, Abraham Lincoln was the first one who said that, my better angels are directing me when it comes to looking at this legislation, even though I disagree with it. What Senator Bromm is attempting to do is to strike that language which says that for the sole purpose of...this is a paraphrase, frustrating the birth father trying to gain custody of this child who had been signed away, the mother, for the sole purpose of frustrating his efforts, would be allowed to revoke her relinquishment. And at this point I yield the rest of the time on the opening to Senator Bromm.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bromm, you have seven and a half minutes.