

matter" from the act. That is probably surplusage and I think Senator Chambers is correct in striking that, so I have no objection to both of these amendments which have been combined and, in fact, urge you to support this combined amendment.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I just wanted to make sure that I understood this amendment and... and I think I do now. But, Senator Bromm, I am going to oppose this amendment and it's your portion of the amendment that I am concerned about and I.. and I understand why you're offering this amendment but I'm not convinced that this is the right solution. I understand that a birth mother can play games with a birth father. I...and I think maybe there needs to be some corrective language in here, but simply removing all of that language does not help prevent the kind of situation that I think is unfair to the birth mother and that is the situation in which she never, ever would have relinquished had she known that there was any possibility of the birth father getting custody of the child, I mean for any variety of reasons. I mean she may have absolutely no relationship with this man because of some things she knows about his past or some things that have happened. I mean she may not consider this person somebody who should raise her child and when she signed those relinquishment papers she had no idea that was going to happen. Taking that language out is not the right answer and I...I will oppose the amendment because I think it does more harm than good, although I understand your argument, and somehow if we could leave that language in and add some language that lets the court determine whether games are being played or not. I know that puts a lot of stuff back on the court again, but I can't support the amendment as is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, your light is next and, Senator, as you are the only speaker left, do you wish to use this as closing?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Bromm, do you need any time on the closing? If you do, I'll let you go first and if you take all the time, fine. If there's anything left and I see a few crumbs that need to be picked up then I'll follow you.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.