

guardian ad litem and some of the more complicated areas, but I guess when this bill first came up my thinking was if we have a problem with the five-day notification, if they say that's not long enough, then why don't we just lengthen that notification period? And I've talked with a lot of individuals about this bill since its inception and realize that there are more things that need to be done in these areas, not necessarily...I mean they keep bringing up these cases, these well-publicized cases, and in every single one that they bring up, including this last case that Senator Matzke put the newspaper clipping about the case on the floor, none of that could be avoided. If the mother lies, the mother lies. That's... it couldn't be avoided unless you can force the mother not to lie and there's no way that a law or something written on paper can force the mother not to lie. I note this...this piece of...this amendment has the affidavit in it that the mother will sign. My only concern here is that we have made some changes to Senator Matzke's bill that we have not made to this amendment that I liked and Senator Bromm has made some... some suggestion and changes to that bill that I liked, but I still am not comfortable with Senator Matzke's bill, nor am I completely comfortable with the Hall amendment, but I guess it comes down to deciding if the majority is going to pass something this year on this issue on which one I think is... is the better of the two and I think the Hall amendment, with possibly one or two changes, would be the better of the two to allay some of my concerns with this area, which are that we are going to complicate it so much in trying to get to the problem that... that we're talking about that we're trying to get to and that is the unknowing father, if we're going to try to get to that problem and we can't... we might as well admit we can't get to the problem of the mother who lies, the biological mother who lies, we can't get to that problem, it's not possible through legislation, but if we're going to try to get to the unknowing father and making sure that that adoption has closure so that it can't be dramatically overturned or at least we're limiting the instances where it can be dramatically overturned, that's the concern here, to find the best case for the child, and these... these opportun...or these... these moments where the judge is overturning these cases so dramatically are because the mother has lied and the father didn't know so that's the unknowing father, so if we're trying to get to the area of making sure we've gone to all the necessary areas to notify the father, Senator Hall's amendment does that. It still has the notification. It still has the affidavit by the mother. It strengthens the punitive father