

registry. It gives them... they have to publish it, make it more well-known. Those are some of the areas that Senator Stuhr worked on. So those are all areas that were worked on on Senator Matzke's bill so, in my mind, it comes down to deciding which of the two takes care of the unknowing father without over complicating the entire procedure every time... every time an adoption comes up, and my initial concern of the mother being scared off of her decision to put a child up for adoption, either way, either with the Hall amendment or the Matzke bill,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ..both of those instances call for the mother to sign the affidavit and so we're not... we're not really going to be able to address that concern because everyone within the area agrees that it's a necessity to have the mother sign that affidavit and make that reasonable attempt to... to have the name of the biological father. So all of those concerns are addressed in the Hall amendment and I will be supporting the Hall amendment just because it's maybe not the giant step that the Matzke bill has tried to take on this issue, but it's... it's a beginning. And even though there are a couple of areas on the punitive father registry of attaining custody and those... that language that I have some concerns with, it still, to me, is more of an incremental step that I'm more comfortable taking than the giant step that the Matzke bill is asking us to take, so I will be supporting the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Before I recognize the next speaker, would like to introduce in the north balcony we have 78 fourth graders from Skyline Elementary School, along with... that's in Elkhorn, along with their teacher, and we also have under the north balcony from Columbus guests of Senator Robak, Marie Stavas and Pat Ernst. Would all of you please stand and be recognized. Senator Hall, followed by Senators Stuhr and Wesely.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Again, I rise in support of the amendment and I appreciate Senator Matzke's comments, as well as Senator Witek's. I knew Senator Witek would not support the proposal on its face. There had to be a couple changes that she'd want to it, but merely because my name was on it. But anyway the... Senator Matzke says that it... that I stated it does gut the bill. It does gut the bill,