

happening, I think you should do it, and this does that. It does make more work for some people involved in the process, I think, depending on what happens, depending on whether all of your paper work is absolutely in order or whether it isn't, a little more work for the court records,...

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** One minute.

**SENATOR BROMM:** ...for the agency or the attorney, but that's...that's not...that's not the point, I mean, that's immaterial compared to the...to the fact that this is a lifetime commitment on the part of all of the individuals involved. So if it is a little bit more work, does provide a few more safeguards, that's positive. And I don't think that this bill, in any way, would deter someone from going through the adoption process. Quite the contrary, I think it, with the stability and additional safeguards built in, it, hopefully, will result in...in more adoptions where...where it's desired and where it's suitable on the part of all parties.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Bromm. We have Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Matzke, Wesely, Beutler, Will, Engel and Elmer.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** This is the most grotesque amendment that was ever offered to any bill. True. It is macabre, true; irrational, untrue; cruel, questionable. But all those words describe the bill. They all describe the bill. The sponsors of this bill and everybody else on the floor of this Legislature, by and large, so let me change that, the majority of those on the floor of this Legislature, at other times on other bills, whether it's the welfare bill, child support bill, sometimes even the crime bill, will talk about family values, bonding between mother and child, how important it is to keep families together. We have bills that are designed to provide assistance to the developmentally disabled, to those who may have mental illnesses or mental diseases, and will talk in abstract terms about the welfare of these people. But then when a mother who fits this description is presumed to understand the kind of language in this bill, which the members on this floor do not understand, and the courts are going to say she made an informed decision and understood it when she gave up her baby. Crazy is not a word that people use anymore in polite company, but I will. She may be crazy but she wasn't so crazy that she did not love her child, and she wanted her child back. And all of these