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those records and have them readily be made available. Those are basically the provisions, the major provisions, for the committee amendments. I do have some other amendments that need to be added after that to further clarify some things but they are basically in keeping with the original provisions of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion on the amendments to LB 483. All those in favor of....Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, a question for Senator Newell I guess.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you yield?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Do you have some amendments that later, you indicated there was some additional amendments. I don't know if they change any of the committee amendment or not.

SENATOR NEWELL: I think they more clarify the committee amendments, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: The one particular area that I would like to be sure I understand is as I read the bill the conditions under which the name of the parents are made available to the individual that was adopted, the conditions in which they can find out the parents name, the mother or father's name or both.

SENATOR NEWELL: The conditions that have to be met first is that the adoptee has to be twenty-five years of age or older. In other words, there has to be a certain level of maturity. Then they must go to either an adoptive agency and then that agency will try to conduct a search and try to contact them, ask if they are willing to meet with the child, ask the biological parent whether they are willing to meet with the child or it can be a vice versa situation. If either party does not wish to meet, then that acts as a check and then it cannot happen. Now that process is opposed by a number of adoptees. They don't think that the mother should be allowed, a natural mother should be allowed to reject that, but this is a very tenuous balance, Senator Warner, between trying to balance people's rights and it is basically worked out in compromise too.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess on page 4 of the printed, committee, or new bill, I guess it is, that is what we are adopting,