

that the interest of the children are best served under the present statutes. I know that this is that day when we talk about freedom of information, we talk about the right to know and the right to do and the right to be and everything else but there comes a certain time when we have to face our responsibility and that responsibility very frankly rests with contracts, so as I would describe them, that were entered into many years ago and I do not think that it is our responsibility or our right to abdicate those contracts. I think it is not in the interest of children and I think that future adoptive parents will take a new look at their responsibilities under this kind of statute. I have not had intimate association with adoptive parents but I can tell you very frankly that I have known very many of the families that have adopted children and almost, in fact, I would say to the last one, they oppose this legislation and I think that we should recognize that. We should recognize our serious responsibility to those families who have adopted children in the past and, therefore, I would oppose the legislation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, I just arrived a few moments ago and was listening to a discussion by Senator Schmit and Senator Stoney of a bill that Senator Newell introduced last year in its original form. However, I am a little confused because I understand that we are in the process of discussing the committee amendments which drastically changed the bill. Now I am sure it was not the intent of Senator Schmit or Senator Stoney to overlook those, but I would say, Senator Schmit and Senator Stoney, if you would look at the committee amendments that your objections would be alleviated because the bill no longer addresses that particular section. I, too, am not an expert in the area of adoption. I, too, received cards and letters and phone calls from people in my district saying that they had concerns about being contacted by somebody that they had given up for adoption twenty or twenty-five years before, but with the amendments, with the adoption of the amendments, that no longer is a concern because that is not what the bill addresses. You have to have, and, Senator Newell, if I misstate this, you correct me, but as I understand the committee amendments if adopted every single party, it would also be the adoptive parents, all three parties, that is, the individual who is looking for their or her natural parents, a card or letter, some communication, would go to the natural parents saying your son or daughter is interested in contacting you, would