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SENATOR NEWELL: Last year there was massive problems with this bill and I have spent far more time than my desires. You know I wish I would have never introduced this bill. It is the biggest mistake I have ever made politically. It has been a tearjerker for me the whole time but I finally got consensus and last year there was opposition. I don't think there is opposition this year.

SENATOR COPE: Thank you for answering the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Newell, I just came on the floor. I don't know whether anyone has asked this question or not but do you change anything about that the judge can order the records to be opened upon shown a good cause? This is still the law and you are not changing this or you are changing this.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, that provision, the good cause provision is presently the law now.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, fine. I am going to have to oppose the bill as anyone if they can show good cause to a judge, he will open the records. I listened to the testimony last year. The hearing was packed wall to wall and I am going to have to repeat what one lady said. She said that what about the family that just got home from church in this town, they live in a nice home, and they have three children, and they are getting ready to sit down and have their Sunday dinner and the mother of this lovely family had made a mistake when she was very, very young and she had had a child and the child had been put out for adoption. She since had remarried. Her husband did not know of this. They work in the church, they work in the community, a real fine happy family. So on this Sunday afternoon the doorbell rings. They go to the door and they open the door and here stands this person and they say, hello, mom. What happens to this family? What happens to this family? Well, I say that a judge can say what is good cause, he will open the records for good cause. As far as I am concerned, I will stick with the way it is now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Nebraska Legislature, I am an adoptive father. I have great interest in this bill, have been following it rather closely and,