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I don't think any of us can really measure the long range consequences of this legislation. With that, Mr. Speaker, I have no further comments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, my correspondence indicates to me that those people who have the greatest interest in this piece of legislation know what the amendments are and I can quote you the correspondence advising me that my support should be to the amended version of the original bill and it protects both the natural parent and that parent who is the adoptive parent and this was one of their greatest concerns. I think the committee has put together a piece of legislation which is agreeable to those who have the greatest concern, and for us to submit this to the Judiciary Committee again, I think is a waste of their time in view of their additional obligations with the beginning of this session. I oppose Senator Venditte's proposal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon and then Senator Newell. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Venditte a question, if I might.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, do you yield?

SENATOR NEWELL: Patrick, I can appreciate your concern over the status of the bill at this time and in trying to get an idea what the opinion is in your district. Can I ask you a simple question? Were you able to attend some of the public hearings this summer on the adoption bill?

SENATOR VENDITTE: I didn't attend the public hearings this summer on the adoption bill, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Are you...do you feel....

SENATOR VENDITTE: But I have spoken to several people from my district who were at those hearings.

SENATOR NEWELL: Do you feel uncomfortable with the way the bill is presently....?

SENATOR VENDITTE: What makes me feel most uncomfortable at this point in time, Senator Newell, is the fact that we had a committee hearing on this particular piece of...on a legislation similar to what we are attempting to amend today a