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that, it seems to me that the statute hasn't caught up with the computer age. There are so many things, I know, as Senator Chambers insists that there are no ambiguities, but there are perhaps omissions or things that need to be changed. In the long weekend, I had calls from people in my district and that initiated my own idea of calling people and talking to people that I met when I was out, and asking them to tell me how they felt about this situation of the voter...of these ballots not being counted. I didn't have one person who said they felt the ballots should not be counted because they feel that the voter is the important character in this whole set-up. And that is what I am listening to. I am listening to the voters. Nobody wants to give up that right to the ballot. There has been a lot of pontificating about the law, and as a Legislature, of course, we do pass those laws but I think, as a Legislature, also we have the obligation to work with those laws and to make the decision in a case like this that will give us the opportunity to go ahead and change that statute, and work with the county clerks and so on to make the law more applicable to the 1990s and into the twenty-first century. I feel that if we let go, if we let go of those ballots, we are punishing the voters. Those voters voted in good faith. They did not look at the ballot to see if it was signed. I doubt that I ever do that, and I can't think that most people do. So I will go back to this, the statements about the law. I am going to vote for the voters this morning. I am going to vote...I am not going to vote for the majority report as it has come out because, again, as I say, I am voting for the voters. And as to this business about the law, that we have to follow the law; as Mr. Bumble, Charles Dickens' Mr. Bumble so aptly put it, if the law supposes that, says he, the law is an ass, an idiot. I will vote for the voters. I am not going to go along with that law. I hope the rest of you will join me in supporting the voters. Thank you. If I have any time left, Senator Hefner, you are welcome to it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner, you have about two minutes if you would like it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I just have a few other comments to make. If you will look on page 699 in the Legislative Journal, the minority report says, "The members state that absentee voting is a right which cannot be abandoned and that a majority of courts have abandoned the position that absentee voting is a mere privilege, and have consistently determined that absentee voting is as much a right