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already been said. As you know, I also discussed this and we have been through the Executive Board decision. I rise to oppose the majority report and I, ultimately, will support the minority report. Much of what has been said is already in the Journal. I really only want to make a couple of cases that I think I would like to expand upon beyond what has been said. Other than the issue of the Constitution, other than the issue of voter intent, which I think was clear in this case, other than the fact that it was no fault of the voters, it was not their fault that their ballots were not counted originally, but to me the ultimate question or, at least, one of the ultimate questions could well be if you were in a small house in Beatrice and got your absentee ballot in the mail, if you were on the sands of Saudi Arabia and got your ballot in the mail, put yourself in those shoes, would you turn the ballot over and say, my goodness, they didn't sign this ballot. I can't vote. What should I do? I guess I just won't bother. I guess I will send it back and ask for a ballot that must be correct. Well, my goodness, look on the ballot, it says initials on the front. And it is initialed. But it says...I know the statutes of the State of Nebraska say it must be signed on the back with my signature in full. What would your reaction be? My guess that 99 percent if not 100 percent of us would take the ballot, assume that the election officials knew what they were doing, you would follow the instructions that came on there, and nowhere does it say that initials does not suffice a signature, that my guess is that you would simply put the ballot back in the envelope and mail it back trusting that the election officials knew what they were doing, trusting that your intent would ultimately be followed in the United States of America, and, yes, in Nebraska, and that the intent of the voter would ultimately reign and that your ballot would count. That is the essence, I think, of what I think we should be considering. My final thought would be, why punish the voter or the candidate, in this case, for an election official's error, whether you may call it major or minor? Why punish the candidate or, in this case, the voter for those errors?

SENATOR MORRISSEY PRESIDING

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Next up is Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I am going to try not to be too boring. I am not going to talk about