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ballot in the ballot box. It becomes a right to have that vote counted. They were legal voters. They were of age. Those aren't at issue here. There's no fraud. The parties have stipulated no fraud; much different case if there had been. You know, the law...and it's really tough to talk about. I'll bet Senator Beutler is sitting back there just in a quandary of how to articulate and how to talk about this because the law doesn't have the answer to every problem. What is the law? Well, the law, it tries to spell out some way that we behave, that we, in society, how we're going to behave and it sets out guidelines for us. It's not perfect. It never will be and anybody who thinks that the law is going to be perfect, it can't be. It sets out a guideline for us. Senator Warner put it real well. I look at all those cases, no one of them has the same facts, no one of them have the same statutes. What am I going to do? It's because the law doesn't give you the answer every time. They serve as a guide. We're not here as a court of law today and there's a reason because we're the body of conscience at this point. We're the ones who have to make this decision. If it was to be in a court of law, the Constitution, all of our other statutes would put this in a court of law and we'd just push it off and say let them decide. What we look at today is substantial compliance. You know, substantial compliance is the way that the law deals with every day life. Every day life isn't perfect, it doesn't follow everything. Substantial compliance is the compliance with essential requirements and, to me, the initials rather than a full signature on a ballot is substantial compliance because the real demon is fraud. Fraud is not an issue here today. Substantial compliance is our form of equity. Equity is that way of dealing with things. It's a legal principle and equity says it's the spirit and habit of fairness. If you want to talk about substantial compliance, look at our own Constitution and every bill we pass in here. The Constitution says every bill and resolution shall be read at large...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...before the vote is taken. Everyone of us have sat here during Final Reading. Is that read at large? No, but we go through it. We substantially comply. We go (mumble, mumble, mumble), substantial compliance, we do it with every bill. Senator Warner touched me with his closing. And he talked about, is it justice, is it justice, is it justice? And I guess my response is, is it justice to go out and ask and beg