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I should have had...I have not had copies made. I didn't know what procedure was going to be made. I had a few copies some of you have picked up, but in substance what it says is what I have already outlined. I would like to ask the Chair a question so I am sure about my voting here. If this motion is adopted as an amendment, I assume it still takes a second vote.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Senator Warner. This would simply be an amendment to the report. Then we would have to vote on the report, yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. I wanted to be sure because I agree that this is a better way to express the position that the Legislature may want to take, but I, nevertheless, would disagree with the rationale but that is immaterial. But I just wanted to be sure that that would be for the record's sake, that that would be how it would be done.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. We'll go now to this amendment. Senator Schimek, did you wish to talk on this amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Warner, may I ask a question or two about this?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner, would you respond.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm just looking at this for the first time and it essentially says that the absentee ballots that were the subject of the contest of the election, although may not fully comply in every detail, should be counted. That is the essence of it, correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, and for the reason that the Legislature finds that there was substantial compliance with the section.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Because of the use of initials?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Warner, I still want to ask you a couple more questions I think. First of all, what kind of guidance is this going to give to election commissioners and county clerks?