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sure that I can vote for this amendment because I think it says to them they don't need the full signatures. One of the reasons that we require full signatures is that handwriting analysis is much better with a signature than initials. Block initials can be forged very easily. Some of the procedures in place now are so sloppy, I truly believe that we would be opening the gates to possible fraud in the future and certainly more contests and more elections. Does this apply just to legislative races, or does it apply to all races? I think there are a lot of questions here that I would like to have some answers for before I can vote on this amendment. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Schimek. We'll now go to Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Schimek raises some legitimate questions and I would just answer them in what my thought is on the motion that is before us. Senator Schimek, I fully believe that this issue addresses only the 30th Legislative District election contest that we have before us. I think if you'll look at the motion as it is drafted, it says pursuant to legislative action on the 15th day, it talks about the review of the election contest and Mr. Korslund, the Executive Board hearings based on the briefs of the 26th, that the absentee ballots in the Legislative Journal. I think that this clearly spells out that it is, I guess, contest specific with regard to what does it pertain to now. The question of does it set the wrong kind of precedent, I would... (recorder malfunction)...not adopting the majority report yesterday. We've already done that so that is a moot issue to a certain extent. I think that this proposal as it is laid out in the version it was drafted by Senator Warner clearly leaves some tracks, if you will, to show that if anything, it is not meant to be some all-encompassing shift in policy with regard to what has transpired in the past on election contests, that this is specific to the issue of the 30th Legislative District race that has been contested and is before the legislative body presently. That's my interpretation. That's what I think I'm voting on presently in terms of adopting this Warner amendment and I'm going to vote for the amendment to be adopted. I am not, Senator Schimek, voting for the minority report once this becomes a minority report because I think the precedent that we set yesterday by not sticking with the intent of the statute, by not basically following the law is where the concern should have come in and I know you and I agreed on that