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too long.

SENATOR SCHMIT: All right. I have stated many times on this floor...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that the absentee voter privilege, I will concede it to be a privilege, that it becomes a right once the voter has exercised the requirements established by statute, that the requirements that are held out to be completed by the election official. When they are not completed entirely according to law, should not be an impediment to the absentee voters right to have his or her vote counted. Therefore, there are separate areas of compliance, the compliance both by the absentee voter and the compliance by the election official. In this instance I think the Warner language is more descriptive of the actual situation and it is the language which we should contend and thus, we should live with.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is the question, if the same situation arose in the future where the problem was that initials were used instead of a signature and it was done by the election official, you would say that those ballots should be counted even though they didn't have a signature but...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they were initials. Right?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator, may I answer him, Mr. President? Senator, just as you review this issue differently from than the one in which the Carpenter-Nichol issue was at issue, I will view the next contest, if I am here, when there is one based upon the way those facts come before this body.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. First of all I'd like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. They are guests of Senator Schimek and they are 36 fifth graders and their teachers from the Blessed Sacrament School in Lincoln. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thanks for being with us. Mr. Clerk, do you have an item for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a communication, communication