

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, it's always amusing to me how when the person who has an Attorney General on their side says this is an Attorney General's Opinion and, therefore, valid. And if you're opposed to it, you say, well, this is just one man's opinion, you know, but it is used depending on what side of the issue that you're on, Senator Chambers, and I think that's really what we ought to look at this morning is, what do you think is the right way to go. What kind of weight do you think that the citizens' petition process should have? And Senator Bromm made a good point of do we say we assume they're invalid or do we assume that they were valid, as we previously did, and do we assume that there is a person who is known by "Cap" is Merton Dierks or that the post office box is the address? These are the changes that are being made and I guess these are the decisions that we have to make whether based on the Attorney General's Opinion or just another lawyer's opinion. I guess I'm going to choose to vote on the side of the people and the people's right to be...to have a petition that is assumed valid, but with the old language certainly can be challenged and if the reason for the challenge of the signature is what it will read now instead of if reason for the invalidity of the signature. So I appreciate Senator Bromm for bringing this amendment because I do think it needs to be done irregardless of an Attorney General's Opinion. And I have a question for Senator Bromm, if he would yield.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bromm, would you respond to a question? He's going to have to yell awfully loud, he's behind the glass.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, perhaps Senator Bromm would...I don't know how much time I have.

SENATOR LINDSAY: You have about just over two minutes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, okay, that's fine then.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bromm is there now, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Bromm, I just wanted to ask you if, indeed, you saw other changes that the Attorney General had brought up to you, if you have other amendments.

SENATOR BROMM: I think there is another one, but I haven't had a chance to digest that yet. This is the only one I've had a