

many times when we attempt to pitch and patch, as we're doing now, greater problems are created than the one that is being addressed. In my opinion, the Attorney General is completely off the mark so there is need for us to change the language based on any constitutional consideration, but I'd like to ask Senator Bromm a question, if I may, about his amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bromm, would you respond.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The one which is pending now, and while he comes down I will be phrasing the question. If I read his amendment correctly, the language of the amendment refers to address and name. Is that correct, Senator Bromm?

SENATOR BROMM: That is correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now a signature to substantially match another signature is different from saying it's substantially the same. If it is substantially the same, you could mean the name that is used or the form of a name, but when you talk about a signature matching, you're reaching the point as to whether or not you think this person is the one who signed it. Does the signature, in the way that it is written, match the appearance of the signature on the registration form? Now if you're talking about an issue as to whether or not a signature might be forged, that's one thing, so I will ask you this. Is your amendment, as drafted, designed to deal with whether or not a signature may have been forged either on the petition or on the registration form? Is forgery what you're looking at?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, I think matching, Senator Chambers, could include not only the spelling and the content, but I assume it could include forgery. There could be an allegation or a conclusion that there was a forgery and then that would become the issue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that what your amendment is dealing with?

SENATOR BROMM: Not totally, but that could be a part of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, you see, right there we see that this is expanding and becoming something other than what we started talking about and the language as written allows that. There is a term used in law and the first word is spelled i-d-e-m. People pronounce it a different way, idem, "edem", item and then