

mean that if those addresses do not match up that they are presumed invalid? Because the way the law, the way the statute says is that they're presumed valid if they do; if they don't can I then understand that they are presumed not to?

SENATOR BROMM: That would be the converse of that statement. I believe that you're right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And that's really what the very next line says, that if they do not match, the signatures and address shall be presumed to be invalid, and that's the language that you're striking and I guess that's what causes me some concern. And, I guess, I'd leave that to you. I don't have a problem with the Secretary of State using substantial compliance when it gets to him, but before that you either presume that it's valid or you presume that it's invalid, depending on whether it matches or not and so I guess even if you put that language in there, I think based on what you and I have just been talking about that those signatures are invalid if they don't match.

SENATOR BROMM: Is that a question?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I wish it was a better phrased question. That's my conclusion. Let me put it that way. I'll let you comment on that. My conclusion is that I agree with you if those signatures don't match at the county clerk level, they should be presumed to be invalid, thus they don't count and then you go to the Secretary of State. I don't have trouble with using that substantial compliance of the Secretary of State's but I'd sure take the word presumed valid out of your amendment because I think that muddies that water and, with that, I'm going to oppose the amendment and I would hope that you would maybe take a good look at that and pull it back from E & R final and save us the printing of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, is there a motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Withem and Will would move to bracket LB 337 until Monday, April 24.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I'll give Senator Will part of my time. Actually he and I kind of converged on the desk at the same time