

can trace people and it can find...it can find how or if particular instances of fraud occurred. So having given that explanation I will be interested to know if anybody has any questions or further comments on this issue. But I would ask you not to support the Witek amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I have not spoken on this issue before and this may be a bit confused and rambling this morning, but I really didn't agree with anything that Senator Witek said about why it was necessary to have no restrictions on these folks. Quite frankly, I agree more with what Senator Schimek has to say about protecting our process from fraud and from those people who really don't care what happens in the State of Nebraska, except if they're paid while they're here. And frankly, I think if I was going to propose a rule what I would propose is a rule that said if these folks come to the State of Nebraska and circulate a petition that they have to live here with the results of their petition process. They have to live here and know that what they have circulated and what they have proposed for other people will affect them as it will affect the other people that will be here long after they're gone. And that seems to me to be a perfectly reasonable rule, and in fact if Senator Witek's amendment is adopted I might draft that one and put it in just for purposes of discussion. I, frankly, do not want people coming into the State of Nebraska just because they are promised so much per signature, living in a motel room, scurrying around and then leaving the state with no share in the responsibility for what they have done. Now if imposing a 30-day requirement will help us to avoid that kind of difficulty I'm certainly willing to leave it in there. And in fact, in my opinion, that facilitates, facilitates the initiative process by helping to ensure that it is an honest, and that it is a Nebraska process. And I will vote for it on that basis and I will vote against Senator Witek's amendment. And I will say again I do not think she made any sense at all, the better sense was made by Senator Schimek. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, thank you, Senator Wickersham, I feel like I just got yelled at by my