

registration was received on or before the date on which the petition was required to be filed with the Secretary of State." Then this language would then follow that immediately, and it would read, "The finding of the election commissioner or county clerk may be rebutted by any credible evidence which the Secretary of State finds sufficient". Okay. So what we're...I guess what we concluded was that rather than getting into conflicting presumptions or having confusion about whether you have a presumption of validity or presumption of invalidity, if this information matches, signature and address, then we have a presumption of validity. Then we simply go on to say that the finding of the election commissioner can be rebutted by credible evidence presented to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's Office and those of us that worked on it felt that this cleaned up the language. We felt that it hopefully removed some of the constitutional reservations or arguments that might be made against this particular section of the bill. And so I would...I know there will be some discussion. Senator Chambers and I have been discussing this and a couple other words in the section, he'll have some comments. I would yield anymore of my opening time that's remaining, if she would like, to Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bromm, members of the body. I think this amendment clears up some questions that were developing on the floor on Friday, and I think that it really doesn't change the overall intent of what we were trying to do. But it makes it in language, I guess, that less legalese and maybe less threatening, but it does essentially the same thing. It still gives the election commissioner and county clerk the initial responsibility of finding out whether the names and address and post office and so forth match the registration records. But it leaves it up to the Secretary of State to be the ultimate decision-maker in this. And I'm comfortable with the language. I think using the word "findings" matches up above where it says, "finds the printed name, street and number", and it just...it flows together well and I hope that you'll support the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, your light is next, do you wish to speak again? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this language is not going to pose any difficulty as far as my