

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chambers' amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

CLERK: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, I misspoke, I do have an amendment. Senator Vrtiska would move to amend. Excuse me, Senator. (Vrtiska amendment, FA164, appears on page 1796 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Vrtiska to open on his amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. The only change that I would think would be permissible and would maybe make it a little bit easier to deal with is on page 7, line 14, strike the word "to match" and insert "compares with". When you say "to match" to me that means that every letter and syllable has to be the same, and I have a problem, if somebody happens to leave a letter out of their name it won't match. But if it compares with, in other words if it's almost identical but has some little flaw in it, then it can still be considered. And I think that this, to me, makes it just a little bit more, I don't want to say generous, but it makes it a little bit more easy for the county clerk to deal with when they look at the names and say that in fact they do compare with each other, even though there may be a slight deviation from the original signature, which would then, under the present...the way AM7061 is written is it would have to exactly match. And so I'd just like to hear what the feeling of the body is on that particular thing, and if they agree with it to get that slight change made. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I've thought about this ever since Kent Bernbeck came into my office this morning and suggested it. And the more I think about it the more I think it's exactly the opposite of what should be done. And let me tell you why. One of the things that county clerks and election commissioners have complained about over the years is that it is too hard for them