

courts, and I know a specific case, if it will help you all. When Bob Kerrey was the Governor a document was signed Robert Kerrey, and a different one was signed by Bob Kerrey, and it was ruled that it's clear that the Governor is Robert Kerrey who sometimes signs his name "Bob". So if Ray Janssen sometimes signs "Ray" and sometimes signs "Raymond", that is a match. We could give the Secretary of State some guidelines in order to draft rules and regulations. The Secretary of State could go to court cases, he could go to statutes that talk about names that are similar and see what the courts have said constitute a similar rendering of a name. And that would be a way to avoid trying to put...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...every possibility into the statute. Because if we once begin to make a list, whatever is not on that list is not included. So it might be best to leave "match" and allow the Secretary of State with perhaps some guidance from us to draw regulations to state what this will constitute. But we could not put the word there and leave it strictly and solely to his or her interpretation because that might be delegating too much authority. That I want to think about, but right now I am speaking in opposition to "compares with" because I think it's too broad.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. First of all, I have to say that not being as intellectual as Senator Chambers, part of his argument I didn't understand and I guess that's because I don't have the intelligence that he does. But be that as it may, I think part of his arguments in fact was in favor of what I'm trying to do when he talks about Bob Kerrey and Robert Kerrey. That in fact compares with and it isn't a match if it doesn't say Robert Kerrey or whatever on both of them. The second thing I wanted to bring out and I think this is the only reason that I took this particular...or put this particular amendment up is, first of all, the purpose of a petition drive is to facilitate the signers more particularly than the people who are having to do them and happened to verify them, so therefore I think we're making it somewhat easier if we talk "compare". I would like to make one other comparison, if you watch some of the signatures, as I'm sure you have, that people make, you can't even...there's no way to exactly tell what their