

name is after they've written it. You're talking about them making a perfect match sometime...the next time they sign and it may not happen, and therefore I thought the word "compare" if, in fact, it did compare, even if it wasn't very legible it would be an acceptable signature. But this is another one of those issues that I'm not going to live or die with, I just thought it would be an opportunity to make it a little bit easier for the clerk to be able to make the...to compare than to make a perfect match when in fact sometimes it may be difficult to do. But I still favor the amendment and would ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Dierks, your light is next, followed by Senators Cudaback, Bromm, Chambers and Schimek.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I, too, would support the amendment that Senator Vrtiska has brought. I guess that we're awfully concerned today about how much work we're going to place on the county clerks. But I think that we ought to be a little bit more concerned about the support we give the constituents who want to sign these petitions and who need the help that we can give them here. The county clerks and the Secretary of State, they're elected and paid well to do these things, and I don't think we need to be that concerned about how much workload we put on them, especially on this petition process. So I would urge that you do support the amendment and come to grips with some of the problems that the citizens of our state are having and help make it easier for them rather than more difficult. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, when Senator Schimek speaks I generally listen because Senator Schimek doesn't speak unless she's saying something that is of substance. So I would like to ask her a question, please. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You really set me up for this, didn't you, Jim. Certainly.

SENATOR CUDABACK: No, no, I'm sincere in that one.