

office, I have seen that person frustrated, I have seen that person get on the phone many times and call the Secretary of State, and I would say to her at that time I would say, well what did he say? And his response was he's as frustrated as we are and that's because the people writing the statutes didn't do their job correctly. I think on this one we should make certain that we do the job correctly. We should put in there what we mean. We should make it clear the Secretary of State should not have to think twice as to what the definition means, whether it's "match", whether it's "compare" or whatever, but we should say what it means so he doesn't have to guess. It's frustrating for our election commissioners, our clerks and so on. But on this one here let's make it clear, let's don't make them have to call back and ask what the definition is. So with that, let's do our work up front instead of later. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I have some of the same reservations that Senator Vrtiska has about some of the results that you could come up with if the interpretation of "match" is very, very narrow, I have concerns about that. On the other hand the people that are concerned about opening up that door and making it too broad, too vague have a very good point as well. I'm working on an amendment which I'm going to go ahead and file which would follow, which would basically try to define "match". And the way I'm proposing to word that at this point is that "match" shall mean substantially the same and does not require the signatures and addresses to be exact counterparts. Now there will be arguments pro and con on that, but I want the body to know as they vote on this amendment that depending on whether it's adopted or not I intend to pursue this amendment because I'm just not comfortable with the word "compare". I don't know for sure what that means. Does it have to "compare" almost identically or partially identically? And I guess I just don't feel the most comfortable with that yet. But I think we need to get to a point where we find, either through our discussion on the floor, that we made it clear what we intended here, or have a definition of "match" which makes it clear. I know the Secretary of State has a lot of authority in this area apparently to interpret and issue rules and regulations, but I think the intent of this body needs to be made as clear as we can so that hopefully those rules and regulations will follow what this body's intent is as clear as we can make it. Thank you, Madam President.