

about nicknames and things such as that, but by the guidelines we draw we can make it clear that we don't want somebody putting down something that is not used by that person as his or her signature. Now we can say all we want to that I put such and such a form of my name on my registration for voting, but if that form is what my signature is to be then that's what it is to be. And if I sign a petition, I know how I signed my registration form. And if I'm going to try to put, as my signature on the petition, a form of my name that I don't use any other time then that is where the question arises, that's when that individual has to come forth and show that there is a reason for the name on the petition, which I say is my signature, being different from the name that I put on my registration. In other words, what is on the registration form and what is on the petition is totally within my power in both instances. It's not like I'm the one who writes one in one place and somebody else writes it in the other. If I inadvertently use a form of my name, Ernest or Ernie, and that is one that raises a question, then I am in a position to show that this is a form of my name that I use. I had talked to Senator Bromm first thing this morning about letting the word "match" stay in the statute to make it clear what our goal is. Then rather than write narrative material within the body of that section of the statute, we then fashion a definition of the term "match". I think we could give the Secretary of State the authority to fashion a rule or a regulation relative to the construction or interpretation of this definition and that way we don't write into the statute every example we can conceive of that might be a variation on somebody's name. If we don't list every possible alternative when we're listing, there's a principle of law that says when you're listing, that which is not listed is not included. So "compares with" is too broad and vague. Nobody knows what that means. I talked to Mr. Bernbeck...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...out in the hall and he was showing the dictionary definition of compare. When we are taking a term and putting it into a statute it often becomes what's called a term of art. It takes its meaning from the context in which it finds itself in that statute, and that context is determined by the intent of the statute and the purpose to be accomplished. At this point, we're trying to make sure that we can avoid fraud, deception and misrepresentation. The best way to do that is to