

counted. If an address is written on the registration form and a different address appears on the petition form, then something has to be shown...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to explain why they differ. Some of the things coming in from the lobby are really nonsensical. They don't have any arguments against the substance of the bill so they have to say, well, this person wrote his or her address on the peti...on the registration but then when they signed the petition they wrote their address and included a box number. That's not where the problem has been on these petitions. None of the things that they are bring in in are where the problem arises. It arises because petition circulators are finding problems with numbers of signatures that they want to have declared valid. The way for us to help the clerks in this process is to make the law as clear as possible and put the responsibility on the person who is using different signatures or different addresses to show why that signature should be counted but don't make the clerk and election commissioner conduct a mini or small scale hearing on...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...each one of these signatures.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President and members, again I remember from years ago it sounds like this is a Chicago city council voting on how people can be registered to vote. I even heard rumors that it made some difference in some elections along the way. It's pretty serious stuff, seriously. And I don't think we should find a way to make it possible so we can count votes because, at the moment, that's what we want to do by making it easier. It's not difficult to do this properly. And I don't care if you signed your petition or signed your name or signed your checks, or whatever else it might be, in a little different way. Nobody can read my writing so it won't make much difference anyhow probably. But everything else ought to be right and the signature itself ought to be at least identified as the way I have signed it in the past. I don't think we should mess with it. I think you're going to put any kind of reform in jeopardy by trying to make it easier. As far as I'm