

passing it, we're saying, oh, the Secretary of State can change that. He can issue rules and regulations which will make that more flexible. I don't buy that. I...he can issue rules and regulations under my amendment which tightens it down as tight as he wants to, if he has that authority, and I think he probably does have that authority. But let's give him some direction. What we want to do is to avoid fraud, deception and misrepresentation. Well, in many areas of law, if you substantially comply with the law, you're okay. When you park in the parking spot, if you might have your bumper hanging over the white line by a couple inches, I hope you don't get a ticket, but, on the other hand,...because you're substantially in the parking spot, but, on the other hand, if you sign the petition and my legal name is Curtis Allen Bromm, and I think that's what my registration is, if I sign it Curtis A. Bromm, it's probably not a valid signature, and I don't think that prevents fraud or deception or misrepresentation. I think that just puts...that just puts a ridiculous barrier in the law that gives absolutely the wrong impression of what my intent is,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...but if that's the intent of the body then so be it. But I don't want to hear...I don't want to hear out in the lobby that if we leave the provisions the way it is with just the word "match" that the Secretary of State can fix all this through rules and regulations. And then when I come with...when I come with the amendment that does that and says if it's substantially the same, that will be okay, then, oh, that's opening the door way up, because either it's going to be opened or it isn't and if we're going to open it, we should open it and have some common sense language in there and not leave it up to the Secretary of State and assume that he's going to have common sense because we don't know that he will. So I...you know, whether the Secretary of State favored petitions or whether he didn't could make a lot of difference in the rules that he...that he would promulgate and I'm not real comfortable with that. I would urge the body to give serious consideration to this amendment. If there's a word or two that needs to be changed, I'm open to that, willing to discuss it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: But I would urge you to adopt the amendment. Thank you, Madam President.