

and I think this document of the Constitution is just as important, if not more important, than even those legal documents so I support those that will be voting against the Witek amendment. And, by the way, Senator Chambers, the final thing that Senator Kristensen was talking about was, I missed it, but I think it was something to do with the month of July and birthdays and how old certain people may be and I just want you to know, I know what the date is in July and I know how old you are but in deference to senior citizens, I will not say particularly what that age is going to be. And with that, I rise in opposition to the Witek amendment.

PRESIDENT ROB.K: Thank you, Senator. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, it's interesting to hear the debate on the word "compare". It's in the bill. That's where I got it from. It's on page 7, line 24. It says the Election Commissioner or county clerk shall also compare the signer's printed name, street and number and voting precinct, city, village or post office address with the voter's registration records to determine whether the signer was a registered voter. So the language must be a term of art, Senator Kristensen, unless you're going to strike it from this portion of the bill along with voting against my amendment because that's where the language came from. It came from the bill itself. We're amending this section and to be, I guess, to stay along the same language we use the exact same language that's already in the bill that I assume that you're already ready to send on and pass on Final Reading. So that's where this term of art came from. It came from the bill itself. And we looked up Webster's Dictionary for "compare". It says to represent as similar, to examine the character or qualities of especially in order to discover resemblances or differences. So that's what the Secretary of State's Office will be doing and those county clerks will be doing is to check for differences or resemblances of the signer's printed name, street number, voting precinct, city, village or post office. We also put in the word "substantially" which would make the change in the language from matching exactly which in "match" in Webster's is a person or thing equal or similar to one another, an exact counterpart. So our change in language is simply from instructing the Secretary of State and the county clerks from requiring an exact counterpart, the exact same signature on the registration and on the petition to a...some kind of a signature or if it would be address, those two, because those are also in this area of this