

have a problem understanding that and you shouldn't have a problem imparting that to the individual who is signing or hopefully signing that petition for you. When you move to substantially compare it with, who knows what you're going to have and the potential is out there for those election officials to kick out a number of signatures, that if they had been told, sign it the same way you signed you're registered to vote, they would have done it properly but they're told, okay, you know, fill it in any way you want, just put your name down just as long as it substantially compares with, there won't be a problem because that's what the law reads. Well the law is open to interpretation by any number of election officials, by the Secretary of State who is the election official for the state and then ultimately the court and that's exactly what you're opening this up to. You're going to hamstring those petition efforts that are out there if you adopt this amendment. I would urge you to reject the motion to return to Select File. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President. I'm, of course, interested in the semantics and how we're playing these words around. I think that regardless of that I'd like to touch a little bit on what citizens of Nebraska expect from us and what has happened across the nation and I'm going to read you something from State Legislatures, a book you just received I think today or maybe yesterday, just a couple of lines from it. One of them, it starts out with an article about Governor Lawton Childs from Florida. He's an avid hunter and an outdoorsman and Childs has a cabin in the woods near the State Capitol in north Florida. He likes to go out there and grill up venison, quail and other game on an open fire. He wanted to add a cook shack to the one-room cabin and soon ran into the kinds of red tape and bureaucratic delay that has been frustrating people, real people for years. Pretty soon his little project was inflated to \$60,000. The building department was demanding subdivision plans, hurricane tie-downs and new plumbing. He, quoting Governor Childs, he says, "I've concluded the Lord gave me this problem so I can understand why people are so damn mad at government." Nobody cares I guess whether people are damned mad at government. It goes on in that report to say that Governor Childs, who has been campaigning since '59, found himself on the other side of the fence in November. For the first time in his political career the charismatic Governor picked up a feeling of