

this correctly. It doesn't refer to a person inside the house doing it, so does this...could this mean that if the one wants to do the electioneering and comes within the house, then that person is free to do it? Well, now, maybe Senator Witek is more clever than I thought. I suppose that if you read the language and take it literally, if a person comes inside the house and does it, then it's not a crime. Well, Senator Chambers, why do you say that? Because this bill, this is my answer, talks about a person acting within 20 feet of the entrance to the place of residence of a registered voter, but it doesn't talk about the person doing these same things within the person's residence. Well, what I have to say to that is since it is not my amendment, I am not able to fully address that. But here is what I'll say, it could prevent an individual from having a sign in his or her own yard. A campaign sign in his or her own yard could subject that person to a commission, to being prosecuted for a commission of a crime, because if electioneering includes a placement of signs, stickers, and wearing a button, then if there are two registered voters in the house, and one is going to vote by way of this mail-in process, then if the other one places a sign in the yard, that person has committed a crime. This is silly. Also you do have to consider the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which allows people freedom of discussion, freedom of assembly, and other rights. So if you adopt this amendment, which I don't believe you will do, it will be one of the silliest, most empty-headed things that this Legislature has done. We are not dealing with a public school. We are not dealing with a polling place. We are dealing with the place where people live. There is another thing, if we are talking about an apartment complex, is the entrance to that person's residence the main entrance to the complex, or is it the door to that person's apartment? Those questions will be asked but they will remain unanswered. Although the term "electioneering" is found in other sections of statute, there is, to my knowledge, not a clear, precise definition. But since you are creating a crime, keep this in mind. The law must be strictly construed when you are creating a crime. Now I am going to get technical. Watch me now, watch me. A person has to know in advance what conduct is prohibited...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and what conduct is allowed. If conduct which is allowed could also be considered criminal, the law is