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be. Let's say that you have an event and you've invited 400 people and you've invited 20 members of the Legislature and when you actually hold the event you think that 300 showed up but you aren't even quite sure how many showed up because, unless you do a sign-in sheet, you can't tell that. Then, because you'd invited 20 members of the Legislature, you're not quite sure if they all showed up. You do know that some of them showed up because their name tags are missing or at least that's some evidence that they showed up. Maybe somebody else took their name tag, that's always a possibility, a remote one, but you don't know if they showed up. You may not have had good enough staff support to know whether they showed up with their spouse or with some other guest. I don't know what you do with the other guest, but the mathematical reliability of saying that something is an average assumes that you know with some precision what the underlying numbers are, and I think there are any number of instances in which you could not reliably determine what the underlying numbers are and the Schimek proposal will produce every bit as much uncertainty as the proposal you have in front of you that's currently in the amendment. The other thing that I would suggest is that it primarily becomes a standard that is difficult for organizations or individuals to determine. They will simply report as the default, whether they needed to or not, and I don't think that's all bad. But I think that when...when you have a clear instance in which it really didn't have anything to do with the Legislature or members of the Legislature but members showed up, then you'll be off the hook, and I think that's maybe as good a rule as we can do. I have, as...as I'm...I hope I'm making clear, I have some real concerns about the degree of accuracy that would be expected in determining whatever the average is and I don't know if it is practical to assume that that would be an exact average, but there isn't anything that says you can have an average within 5 or 10 percent tolerance, for example. So if you're going to do an average, you better not leave an implication that it's an exact average because I don't think that's possible.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. (Visitors introduced.) On the Schimek amendment, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the