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don't take exception to that at all. I think it's their right, their prerogative, and I think they...it's part of our process. They've been given the right to do petitions and every time we come to the legislative floor with changes, we try to erode those rights. So, I'm going to have difficulty with the bill. I'm not going to support Senator Chambers' amendment either, but I'm not going to support the bill because I think in a way we begin to erode the rights of our citizens, and I just am not going to support that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Chambers, seeing no other lights on, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and to try to soothe Senator Dierks' ruffled feathers, the petitions from his area are not the only ones that were incoherent and screwy. There was one that all these business people put together that was equally bad, and nobody could make head or tail of it. And under the current state of the law, without some of these things that have been proposed, anything can get on the ballot. So there is no requirement that the syntax be correct, no requirement that complete sentences be used, no requirement that a subject agree with the predicate, there can be dangling modifiers, split infinitives, any kind of thing. So the fact that it might get on the ballot is no testimony to its quality, just like the mere fact that enough senators vote to pass a bill is no suggestion that it make sense, that it is constitutional, or that it ought to have been passed. When there are certain steps that have to be gone through in order for a certain result to be achieved, and the only thing required is to go through those steps, then once they are gone through, the result automatically follows. But what my amendment does is to remove the Secretary of State from the process as far as making comments one way or the other when a petition is either accepted or rejected. The reason I touched on Senator Dierks' remarks is to put me in a position to point out that he did not address the amendment that I'm offering, it was some of the comments that he thought I made were ill-advised. The amendment is valid and I hope you will vote to