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get that discussion going one way or another. With that, I yield back any remaining time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Cudaback, the rules give you, as the principal introducer, the opportunity to now respond to the kill motion. I also did not ask if you wanted to take up the bill today. You do have the option of laying the bill over also. You are now recognized to address the motion to kill the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Well, obviously I don't want to kill the bill, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. The will of the body is to do this. If the will of the body, 25 votes, this is what you can do. I've always been for the voting process, as I stated yesterday on a gambling issue. We know that cannot be done currently by a vote of the absentee ballot or by vote of the mail-in ballot, we can't do that, so it's really not an issue. And I don't think that people who are going to vote for gambling, if they could, would do this, because the more people that vote probably are going to vote against gambling. When we have... By poll the people who want something are going to make an effort to go vote. They're going to make an honest effort to go vote. Why would anybody who wanted to encourage gambling have a mail-out ballot to everybody so that we get a consensus, I mean it would go down like, you know, like spraying DDT on a fly, they're not going to do this. People make a conscience effort to vote for something that they want to happen. So that argument I just am not... you know, it isn't here. But I do appreciate the comments, Senator Bernard-Stevens. And we already have ballots in the home. We have ballots in the home, absentee, 30,000 ballots. I didn't see anybody worrying about it then. I mean we do it, we have 30,000 ballots in the home, there is no fraud. The fraud is on the special election ballots, they're on candidate ballots if there is any. We elect people, we elect these people for the governing boards, we elect them. They're wise, sharp people, maybe Gerry Matzke is on a school board or whatever, good, honest person. They aren't run by (inaudible) people out here trying to fraud people and come up with... I mean we elect people, they're good people, they're going to make a decision, and usually it's based on money. They're going to make a decision probably based on money, whether to have a mail-out or ballot, it's just that simple. I mean I just... I had a lot more things written down here. I think the people understand this. And I'm glad for the conversation, I am glad for this. Senator