

SPEAKER WITHEM: And as long as we're pausing for announcements, let me recognize 20 representatives from Nebraska Federation of Catholic School Parents who are in the north balcony. They're from various districts around the state. Could you please stand and be recognized. Senator Cudaback on the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Senator Robinson on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, you know, I marvel at the great coalitions that come together in the Nebraska Legislature. We have the gentle lady from Hastings, Senator Bohlke; we have the gentle lady, Senator Witek, from Omaha; and then we have the gentleman from North Platte on one coalition. And then we have the senior senator from Omaha and the gentle lady from Lincoln, Senator Schimek, and myself on the other side. So you know that I'm standing up to oppose the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Everything Senator Schimek and Senator Chambers stated I hope all of you listened because they were right. You can have fraud on any election. And as Senator Cudaback has said, this has worked in several states. It should be our objective to get more people involved in government. And it's just not out in the little towns where you got people that are commuting to get up in the morning at 6:30, 7:00 and go to work and they don't get home till late. I think we ought to give them the means of a mail ballot. Like Senator Schimek said, you have to have a supermajority of the elected body or the city council or whoever it is to bring forth the issue. But I think it should be our job, I don't know if job is the right word, but we should try to get more people involved in government. We'd get more people involved in government with a mail-in ballot so, consequently, I oppose the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. I wanted to clarify an issue that Senator Schimek raised and what I was saying was that we have coming from Revenue a number of bills that deal with budget, a lid or a levy on budgets or on levies and a freeze on budgets. I have heard a number of people discuss that there will be an attempt to make an amendment to let the people vote for an override. What I was saying is if that would be successful, if that would become a part of any of those revenue bills, then that would definitely impact this piece of