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flexibility in designating who the candidates are in the primary election.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Let's talk about the primary. If we've got...then this time we had, what, seven or eight people running for President in the general election in Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: In the primary election.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: In the...in the primary election.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Those were determined by a set of existing guidelines.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: What...and there's no provision then for me to write in Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct. And I...and I might point out that for every other office that is on the ballot there are provisions for write-ins, so it is only for President and Vice President that we don't allow that.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: And you made mention of a suit. Is there pending litigation or litigation that occurred?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: There is litigation that occurred, Senator, and it was in 1998. It was filed by a Randy K. Jensen of Douglas County and...and he wasn't successful. But the Secretary of State's Office feels that we might be...could be subject to another lawsuit at another time if we don't change our statutes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: There's not a...there's not a...any constitutional right to be a write-in candidate. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct and, as I understand it, the