

think that is what a lot of people would like to see, then we might get a more equitable electoral vote out of it. So I just ask for your consideration and ask you to advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Discussion on the bill, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I read this bill a month or so ago when I first noticed it on the... I can't say that I see that it accomplishes anything, Senator Schimek. I see your point and I've read George Will's column and I read the editorial from the Journal and noticed that Senator Curtis at one time threw something up, something like this up in the air too, so I guess if he's for it and I'm against it, you can't say I'm just being a Republican, can you? So I guess I want to ask you just a quick question because I listened to everything you said and took a few notes. Will you answer just one for me? I'm just not quite sure, Senator Schimek, what do you feel it accomplishes aside from the fact that it would show that certain states weren't 100 percent? None of the states would be 100 percent actually, probably.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Crosby, it's a good question and I think that if it were adopted nationally, for one thing it would prevent that landslide mentality. It would allow perhaps, as George Will mentions in his column, it would maybe allow states which have traditionally maybe not had candidates come into them as much, you might have more activity and more grass roots activity on it and you also...you might affect the outcome in some states and make politics maybe more exciting. I think one of the things that Will points out in his column is that too often, because of the electoral vote, all the total of a state going all towards one candidate that people pretty much know by September how it's going to turn out and they lose interest in it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you very much. Over the years the electoral college has been sort of an enigma to me. As you say, it's sort of a custom. There isn't anything in the Constitution. I don't see why we need it at all and I'm not quite sure how to get rid of it which leads to my second quick question. Forgive me, but I can't quite remember how we get