

reiterate just a couple things for me? Like in Nebraska we're looking at...what you're saying is that we have only about 77 percent of the eligible voters who are registered.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Voting age population, that's correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: Voting age population, okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And the...

SENATOR CROSBY: Then in 1988 the state only voted 56 percent of the total who were registered?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, of the voting age population, I'm talking.

SENATOR CROSBY: For presidential?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: In Minnesota it was 66 percent.

SENATOR CROSBY: But it seems like in Nebraska, not talking about those who could vote but who are not registered, we have a pretty good record of those who are registered of voting.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It's higher than this, certainly, Senator...

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah, that's what I wasn't...see, when you said 56 percent, I thought, oh, that sounds like a really low percentage...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, that's...

SENATOR CROSBY: And I didn't think that was probably...okay. Because I was looking at the statistics just on governor in 1990, we had like 500,000 people, more than 500,000 people voting on that one office. So compared...like we have a 1.5 million population, that sounds pretty good to me that we had 500,000 people who cared enough to go out and vote. The...what I'm concerned about...thank you, Senator Schimek. What I'm concerned about sometimes is that just getting all these people registered and, as Senator Warner said the same thing, getting all these people registered is wonderful, but if they don't go out and vote, then I don't know what we have done to educate them as to the reason to vote. And so I will probably vote to move this along but I still...I am beginning to have a few feelings from that point of view is that perhaps