

Constitution later went on and said there are certain things that you can demand but it's my feeling that we should remove as many of the hurdles as possible. Some of my bills are a lot more liberal than this effort and I think this is one of the very least, at least the least we should do. I have had people that work for the railroad that I work for came to me this summer and they work all around the state and all around the country and they said, basically, hey, when I got my tax statement from Iowa or Missouri or wherever, it included a voter registration form. Why doesn't Nebraska do that? So when Senator Schimek came up with this bill, I naturally signed on. A lot of the folks I work with think it's important. We're talking...talked earlier about not disenfranchising voters and I think this is a step in that direction. We need to help them register. We have to make it as simple as possible. We cannot drag them to the polls and force them to vote but we must make it as simple as reasonably possible for them to register. As I said, some of my bills may have gone beyond reason and evidently did in the view of some committee members, but I think this is a very reasonable effort. There are people out there that have a hard time registering to vote even with all the ways they can do it now. As I mentioned, the people that I work with are working all across the country, in Oregon, in Washington, in Oklahoma and they live in southeast Nebraska. They could stay home and draw unemployment but they don't, they need to go out and earn that extra buck to support their family. And when they're out on the road like that it is very difficult for them to register to vote, especially if they're changing locations. There are people that fall through the cracks even with the system we have. We have many people in Tecumseh working at the Campbell's Soup plant that the husband or wife works the first shift and they just kind of tag off at about three o'clock and the other spouse goes to work and the one that was working the first shift takes care of the kids. They have very little time, and in this era of working...two working spouses, it's very important that we make it as easy as possible for these folks to register. It's not the same as it used to be, folks. With both spouses working and the trend is for that to happen more and more in this country, we have to realize that things are not the same as they used to be and we should thus do the reasonable things that address the people that do happen to fall through the cracks on voter registration and allow them to register.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.