

whole, the people as a whole. We have the legislative branch, subject to election by districts, both in the House and Senate, which you all know, but our president is one for all of us. And even though, frankly, some of us may sometimes have difficulty, depending on which side of the aisle you are and what our president does, in general they are supposed to be an executive for the country as a whole. If we turn the electoral college into an issue where they are going to be elected by districts, if you will, it is going to even more cause, I think, increased strife between bodies of people, however they may be broken apart in terms of where they live, there's going to be long-term effect. And I admit it probably will be long-term effect of having our presidency race concentrating on those districts where they can get the most good, quote, as they seek their votes. And so it's going to end up concentrating...they're going to concentrate their effort on areas that will be sympathetic to their cause, whatever that may be, it might be liberal, it might be conservative, it might be environmental issues, whatever issues might be of concern of the day. And again, I'm talking down the road, 50 to 100 years. What I'm saying, if all states of the country would adopt this philosophy, that is what I foresee that it will turn into. Perhaps as it stands now, with just two states going this way, perhaps it might be concerned an issue of fairness. But I am determined that if all 50 states of this country adopted this policy, it will change the approach that presidential candidates will take. And I will submit to you that that is not the way it should be. Once again, the president should be one that represents all the people, and let the legislative branch represent the different regions of the country, as they properly do, and let the judicial branch, as they are once again, cover the whole country. And so I think we ought to look at this and say, what if every state of the Union did this, where will that lead once again, us smaller states will probably be totally ignored, just as they may well be with only...with taking winner take all, in our case five. Perhaps it will even be less in the future. Let's not be...subject the presidential race to going into small districts where, in many states of our country now they can cover four or five districts in just a few, few miles,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...probably even a few blocks. And the tendency is going to be then that they will focus on that and be