

responsive to that ultimately in the way that they rule our country, and it might have to do with our export policy our import policy, it might have to do with our treatment of foreign policy especially, whether we treat one country different than another. And I don't think that should be. I think long-term this is not a good idea for all states of this country potentially to adopt. I see no reason for Nebraska to be a leader in this direction.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBODD: Madam President, colleagues, I find this bill some...interesting because it...this bill actually goes against the trend of nearly every other state in the nation. I don't know if you followed, I'm sure most of us, being involved in the political process, have followed the presidential elections and how we've gone about nominating those presidential candidates. The process has changed over the past decades. The most recent change, probably, was the change in the process establishing, in essence, a regional primary system. It was called Super Tuesday, back in '92, when most all the southern states banded together and chose to nominate, from their political party, on one particular day. So you had a group of states joining together and saying, as a regional force, we want to have an impact on who our next presidential nominee will be. And I recall talking to a number of legislators from southern states prior to the primary, and I found the idea intriguing. And I asked them, well, what's the purpose of it? And the purpose of it was that they felt that as Southerners they didn't have much of a say when it came to electing presidents, and they wanted to have a greater say in the process, and, in essence, that's what happened in '92 with the nomination of President Clinton. He was having problems in those primaries, New Hampshire and Iowa, and when it came to the south he was able to do very well, picked up enough delegates to push his way through the process and eventually become the democratic nominee and then the president. In essence, I think we should probably learn from those states. They realized that maybe those state legislators in Alabama, or Mississippi may, in fact, find themselves feeling that they're very important, and that the delegates from the State of Mississippi may appear in the mind of each one of those legislators as very crucial, but in the great scheme of things they are a very small part of electing the president. Now, as much as I love the State of Nebraska, and the fact that I've