

advantage of some congressional district in solely the effort to gain themselves some attention to their issue, so that they can, on election night, gain that one electoral vote. And then it's too late, the damage has been done to this state at that point in time. The damage is that we're going to be the example. We're going to be the person, we're going to be the state out there who is going to hang our head and go, how did we ever get ourselves into this situation. And we'll go back and say, well, the Legislature, and then we receive the blame. The Legislature is going to receive the blame for making the state vulnerable. I don't want that to happen. And we've talked about, and I'm sure we'll talk a little bit this morning about...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...what were some of the purposes when we originally did this bill, about wanting some exposure, trying to draw presidential candidates to the state. It isn't going to happen. It isn't...our one vote isn't going to make the difference for people to do that. And one of the problems that we also have is with district elections, and we need to probably visit about that a little bit, is the possibility of having multiparties, and the impact of having four or five people in one district running for president, that you could have a very small minority, far less than a majority of a district, but that they could be the winner of that district with a small amount of votes and gain an electoral vote. And if they're able to do that, year in and year out, they'll be able to come back to this state. And we won't be able to get that change made so quickly, the damage will be done. That's what I have a tremendous fear about. I would hope that you see the good...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...legal value of LB 65 and not any of the partisanship issues. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The Chair recognizes Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Bernard-Stevens, Wesely, Wehrbein, Abboud, Will and Vrtiska.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Yesterday I passed out a little packet of materials which included some news clips and some election results. And if I could just touch on a few items in that packet today so you