

them having it in place. Let's see what Nebraska does, and I haven't heard any negative results from the last election on that, and then we can learn from it, and as a country maybe benefit from the experience that we are having here in Nebraska. So I'm asking you to vote against LB 65. We haven't had any problems and we can, I think, learn from the experience...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and benefit the country by continuing with this process.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members of the body, once again I want to talk a bit, a little more than just about the possible partisanship of this issue. In fact, one analysis I have here says actually district plan perhaps could benefit Republicans. So it's really the opposite of what I'm arguing. That's just one analysis, there's lots of ideas. But I think some of the long-term effects of this, once again, is not necessarily in the...as a result of what is happening immediately, but what the long-term effects of this if parties or states across the country would adopt this, and that's what I'd like to speak to a little bit more. It's going to have a far more...far wider impact than I think we would recognize. Here again I say I don't know why Nebraska would want to be a leader particularly in some of these areas. It will probably encourage spoiler, minor parties or candidacies which would be encouraged by the district plan. It would be easier to successfully campaign in districts and, therefore, perhaps encourage spoiler candidates simply for the reason of spoiling the ultimate...the electoral college vote. The leverage would attract spoilers to extract concessions from the major candidates, as George Wallace threatened to do in 1968. It also would vastly affect the presidential nominating and campaign process, which I've already touched on, in the fact that they will concentrate on only those districts that are homogeneous and be able to concentrate their efforts in smaller areas. And it may impact Nebraska either way, in this case, I would say. Another one, it would probably increase the idea of having a runner up president because of the electoral college, perhaps splitting more by districts, perhaps encouraging more candidates, we would simply not have a clear-cut winner. We