

presidential nominees, you should do it in that primary process when they're open to discussion, when they're in the process of trying to get every single vote. It seems now when we're electing candidates, after they've been nominated by our parties, their focus is on the populace states. You see them campaigning on the evening news in California, New York, Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, the states with high population, so that a person can land in San Francisco, appear there for a day or a morning so that they can be on the evening news, fly onto Sacramento, move onto Los Angeles later that evening. It's all about exposure and seeing and being exposed to as many people as possible during the process. They don't knock on the door, they don't go door-to-door. Now, they do...they do, in the primary process, and people do get to see those people, but they don't get to see them after they're nominated. Now, states, as I said, other states have tried to move their primary process up, and I think that's probably the best approach. I think we ought to focus in on trying to change our primary. And we used to be at a time when we did have an early primary. May used to be an early primary date, and as a result we used to have a lot of presidential candidates coming in here, in the sixties, and we had a greater say in who our nominees should be. But...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABBOD: ...that process has left us behind. We do get a little bit of the presidential exposure because of the Iowa caucuses, but we certainly don't get the type of exposure I would like to see in the state. And if we want a greater say on who our nominees should be, I think the focus should be on the primary and the process should not be on a flawed system of choosing our presidential candidates that we currently have in our state statutes. I think we need to change the system, put us in line with other states on how they go about choosing their presidential electors. And we can accomplish that goal by advancing LB 65. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WILL: Question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before the body is,