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winning the presidency, there probably would be a real good reason why they would want to do that. There were a lot of good reasons why people wanted to vote for Ross Perot this last time, a lot of feeling of disenfranchisement, and disenchantment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to yield some of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens. I will just turn my light on again.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. To continue on that discussion that I wanted to at least have it into the record, even if Nebraskans, for example, would vote for a third party person and we split our electoral vote, in most cases, I think if you go to Nebraskans in the coffee shops and elsewhere, they would say, you know, we would like to have our opinion heard. We know Nebraska is not going to have a lot...a lot to say in the election of the President of the United States. If we had no electoral college and we just did the regular vote of the people, a million and a half population, the numbers that are registered to vote, the numbers that would vote would have minimal impact. They also know that our five electoral college has minimal impact, when you look at the total number needed, but they would like to know that somebody heard their voice. And I don't think it is a bad idea, I don't think it is a bad concept at all to tell Nebraskans, you know, if you are disenchanting with the two political candidates or the two parties' candidates, or you feel frustrated with the process that you want to vote for and voice your opinion for another point of view, even if it may not be the...even if you know that vote may not be for the person who is going to win the Presidency of the United States, shouldn't that voice be heard? Senator Schimek's bill that was agreed to a few years ago basically said the following, if the people in Nebraska in any congressional district feel so strongly that they want to vote for a political candidate, all senators, the bill, the law that we have before us now says is that those people's feelings will actually be heard. There would be one electoral vote, if the people in their region voted the same. And I am always amazed at my rural colleagues when we know that the major populations are in Omaha and Lincoln, that if there was a candidate out there, again a third party candidate or another candidate out