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popular vote lead in the nation. The bill, this bill would make such a misfire less likely. And, finally, this is not some wild-eyed proposal. It has often been studied and debated. In 1972, it was implemented in Maine. I guess my other...the other point I would like to make with regard to this whole question, if this is a good idea to return to the winner-take-all in the general election, then why isn't anybody proposing that for the primaries as well. Why don't we have winner take all primaries in Nebraska so that the delegates that go to the national convention are bound to one candidate or another? I'd be interested in knowing people's reactions to that. I think that if you really...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...if really thought about it a lot, you would conclude that that's not the kind of thing that the Nebraska citizens would like to have; that is not the kind of system Nebraska citizens would like to have in their primary; and I believe, truly believe, that if given the choice, the Nebraska voters would also like to have the opportunity to have their electoral vote cast along district lines. It gives them more of a feeling that they are really participating. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Question is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed vote nay.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed vote nay. The house is under call I believe. Did we declare the house under call, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Would members please return to the Chamber, record their presence; all unauthorized individuals leave the Chamber. Senator Bernard-Stevens, for what purpose do you rise?