

thinking about it, particularly when it was...when they really started thinking about it, you know, is when we asked the following question. All five electoral votes right now go to the winner on the majority vote of Nebraska. Where do you think the majority of the population lies? Well, it didn't take them long to figure out Lincoln and Omaha. So, in essence, if you are going to have the majority of the vote decided in the eastern part of the state, they actually control what our electoral vote, where it is going to go, and the same way in the northeastern part of the state, the same way in the southwestern, southeastern part. Only if all of the others were somewhat unified and going against whatever, there would be a chance to do that. So the system that we have now, basically, favors the total population and the area of its concentration. When we discussed it that way, they were very enthusiastic about the way that we have it now. They really felt that they would have something that they could fight for, something they could work for.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So, I would argue that if you would go and talk to people and get beyond the initial discussion of it, get into the crux of how we vote for President of the United States, and how votes can count, you'd find even people on both sides of the political aisle, and including those not on the other side of the aisle, independents, and what have you, would look at it and say, you know, it is really not a bad idea. I would like to see the whole thing continue the way it is, but as I have been trying to do, I try to reach out, reach out and touch someone, and I am trying to touch the heart of Senator Kristensen and, basically, say, look, let's try it for awhile and then let's sunset it, and let the people then kind of decide if they liked the experiment or not. And that, basically, is what we are doing. We've got an experiment. We'd like to try it. If the public likes it after they've experienced it, so be it. If they don't like it, this is why it is sunsetted and it goes back to the old way.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I appreciate Senator Janssen's time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next.