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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, I appreciate that. Members of the body, and I knew then at the time that if you go with the amendment that that is what you go with. I would hope that this bill would not advance, and I would hope that we give the public a chance to see how they would like the experiment. I would also like to comment about just one other thing. This issue, and I defy senators to argue the point, I would love them to argue the point because I don't believe they can, any senator in here that feels really deeply about this issue, let me know because I haven't found one yet. Every senator I talked to, with the exception of Senator Schimek and Jansson, every senator I talked to said, you know, I really don't care one way or the other about how this goes. And I have a lot of people say, you know, I talked to the public and they really don't care one way or the other; yes, they are not really that informed on the issue, they are not really sure what to do. Regarding that, I understand, Senator Hall, regarding that process a moment, what we are talking about here is very important as far as how Nebraskans vote for their President. And I, again, ask senators, if you haven't already, ask your constituencies whether they like the Electoral College today, do they think that the people should not directly vote for the President but a group of electors should? And I will tell you what their response will be. They do not like the present system of electors. They would rather the people vote for President. We, as a Legislature, decide how our constituents are going to vote for President of the United States. This vote, if you vote yes for this bill, says that the people of Nebraska's vote for the United States President doesn't really matter, it doesn't really matter. It is based on the total population and then a group of electors will decide the vote and you all know that the electors are not bound by that authority. It is only through tradition. A no vote would, basically, mean that people of Nebraska are going to try a different way, to continue a different way. We are going to look at another presidential election at least, and we are going to look at the next presidential election, after that, if the case...if we are allowed to, and we are going to find out if, in fact, the people feel better with this way. I would be interested to know how many senators have been contacted by someone on this bill other than a political party person; someone who is active in the Republican politics in a