

passed at the federal level mandating to the states many different activities that were supposed to happen in the states to get more voter participation. At that time, there was a lot of talk in my committee and on the floor that Nebraska has the possibility of a million voters. We had already registered 900,000 of those individuals so we were going to take \$500,000 in the next two years, of our tax dollars, to try to register the 100,000 people who had not registered to vote. I've been watching this in other states. There are other states that have fought the motor voter bill who actually don't just talk about federal unfunded mandates, they actually go to court and try to do something about them, unlike Nebraska. And Illinois has, in the latest ALEC newsletter, Illinois had won a round in federal court in the motor voter battle. I passed that article out to you. It states, in Illinois, one of five states, the U.S. Department of Justice is attempting to force into compliance with the motor voter law. A federal court has blocked a lower court judge's order that the state conform with the federal statute. The stay was issued because the court is considering an appeal filed by Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, an ALEC member when he served in the State General Assembly. The Justice Department has also focused it's motor voter crusade on California, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Michigan. Judges have ordered California and Pennsylvania to comply with a law that requires states to allow residents to register to vote while they apply for drivers' licenses. The South Carolina case is pending while the Justice Department has yet to sue Michigan. States have balked at employing the motor voter law because it is expensive to implement and is nothing more than unfunded mandate forced upon the states. So I wanted you to know that a federal court in Illinois has determined that Illinois does not have to comply with motor voter and I feel this is going to be a trend now with some of these other court cases and, hopefully, at some point in the future overturn completely the unfunded mandate of motor voter from the federal government. So what I've done with this amendment is to eliminate the funding that has not already been spent from that half a million dollars that we allocated, and the agencies that would...we would take this money from out of their budgets, I've listed them, that's the Secretary of State's office, Social Services, Motor Vehicles, DPI, Health and Education, and the total amount from those agencies is also on this handout that I passed out. It comes to \$237,043. It's not a lot of money but it's more money than we've taken out of the budget so far. And I guess it's just some place that I think that instead of walking the...or talking