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SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Cudaback, could I ask you a few questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: How often...from your hearing on this bill, how often are there special elections?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Well there's no set time. It's whenever an...

SENATOR HARTNETT: But there should be...historically, is there over, you know, last year, 1995, you know, there were 500 of them, or there...do you know or do you know Senator...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Moore, or Secretary of State Moore says that they aren't that frequent. They are not that frequent. We do not have a special type of election that frequently, and so it isn't...

SENATOR HARTNETT: And also my second question is that I noticed in the committee section in Section 4 it says, sets forth condition that must be met for a political subdivision to hold a special election by mail. Includes a population of less than 5,000. Why did you decide on...or why...was that part of the original bill or was that a committee...committee part? Because I think I agree with what Senator Schimek said. I think that's a, you know, a good idea but, you know, in my political, you know, where I live at the...be left out of the...the opportunity to do this particular function. And so what was the...was the rationale of the 5,000 in the original bill or was that something that was done by the Government Committee?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess to be right truthful with you, Senator Hartnett, we picked the 5,000 strictly for support. We felt if we go over that, we might lose some of the support of the body, the people in Nebraska, or whomever. I guess that's the reason. It isn't a magic figure. No, it is not. I would accept 5,000 registered voters if the body would so choose to do so. I would probably go...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Or I mean above 5,000.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Five thousand registered voters would make