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a mail sorter some place. There's a mailman that takes the ballot to the election commissioner's place. What if you had a small election where it was a sewer in a certain part of town and you knew...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that all the ballots from a certain part of town were going to be in favor of it. And you were a mailman and on the city council and you didn't want it to pass and you just decided to chuck a bunch of ballots from a certain neighborhood. How would you know if that happened?

SENATOR CUDABACK: How would I know that that happened?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Um-hum.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess probably there's no way of knowing that might happen. I guess if you had a mailperson that way, he could do it with your government checks, he could do it with your...he could do it with many devices currently and I guess we, we trust our mailpersons.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, it would certainly be a federal offense on the part of the mailman. But I guess I'm just questioning whether those types of penalties are the types of things that we want to rely upon to protect the validity of our elections. And maybe it's okay for these small elections. But I'm just, I couldn't think of how you would know if somebody did that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: First of all they would not be mail...it would be, it'd be like us all going to the Safeway store at the same date...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...the same hour, see. They would not all come back at the same...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...same date.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But you could have all of the same zip code