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5,000 people or less would rule out cities such as Beatrice, Blair, McCook, some of these actually really smaller...smaller cities or subdivisions. I believe that the rest of the bill I can see is, came through the Government Committee fine, had good support there, and I believe that you're going to find out that you'll probably have more people voting at the...at particular elections this way than you would the other way. Oregon, I believe that I heard that they had 60 percent turnout. I may be wrong, but I'm sure I heard that. And that is a big turnout. Of course it was a very...it was a very controversial and important election that they had there, but 60 percent is pretty darn good from what I can see. And I thank Senator Cudaback for bringing this to us. I believe it's a step in the right direction. There are other states that have it and it's worked fine. I can't see it where there's going to be any more fraud in this method than there has been in the past. This does not mean...Senator Cudaback, would you answer a question for me, please? Senator Cudaback, you still would be able to file the absentee ballot though?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sure, this does not change that in it at all.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, you would probably have less absentee ballots if this came out in the mail like that. You wouldn't have as many though, would you? I don't know why you would because you would, you'd be able to mail this in.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Well, this is the same as an...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...that this would take the place.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yeah, thank you. Members, I just think it's a very good bill...good amendment, good bill, and I hope you will support it which I intend to do. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: On the...thank you, Senator Janssen. On the Schimek amendment, Senator Vrtiska, do you wish to address the amendment? Senator Robinson, do you wish to address the amendment?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I stand to support the Schimek amendment. I see no reason that there