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SENATOR CUDABACK: There's an option, Senator Beutler. He doesn't have to mail, he can bring it back as he currently does; he goes to the polling place. That same option's there. He can go to the courthouse or wherever, and deliver it. So he does have that option. It is not mandatory that he mails it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So the option saves us in that particular instance, do you think?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I would certainly think so.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Even though...even though it's not quite the same as going to your local polling place, if you...if you have this election in, for example, the city of Omaha, it might be quite a distance to walk it to its destination. Okay. And one last final question, just political...the political subdivisions are doing this or making this election by resolution...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Again, just so that members start thinking a little more about the concept of what we're doing here. And, again, I walked in this morning thinking I was going to support the bill, and the more I've thought about it, the more I've heard of the debate, the more I'm going to be prone, I think, not to support the bill. And I'm not sure about the Schimek amendment at this, at this point because of the...because of the concept. If we're going to pass a bill that I don't agree to, I may want to narrow its scope, Senator Schimek, and vote against the amendment for the time being. One of the things we have in our election policy, in our rules, if you think about it, is on election day, when all of the masses go that want to go, that are registered to vote, go to the voting booths, there's a law that we have that protects them. And the law is that 200 feet, no political campaigning within 200 feet of the election voting booth. And the reason is is the people are ready to vote, they want to...we want them to be left alone. If they want to go talk and grab campaign literature, they can. But otherwise, this is the day for the people to think, cogitate, vote their conscious on what they feel is the best thing. Under the Cudaback bill, 964, and the Schimek amendment would expand it to statewide, think of