

other. We just don't have that kind of machinery that operates in Nebraska. So I think that's highly speculative, highly unlikely. But again, the amendment would simply allow all political subdivisions, not just those with populations of 5,000 or less, to participate in this process. And by political subdivisions we mean counties, cities, school districts, could be NRDs, any political subdivision, basically, that has a budget and might be having bond issues or things of that nature. All I'm asking for is that you give us, in Lancaster...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...County, Douglas County, maybe Sarpy County the ability to choose for ourselves whether we'd like to have a mail-in ballot or not. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, on the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I like Senator Schimek and I like her amendment. I'd like to ask Senator Dangerfield a question or two about his bill before I continue in support of Senator Schimek's amendment. Senator Dangerfield, in your bill it talks about the dates by...between which, you know, it sets up like parenthesis when these ballots would be mailed out, no sooner than 20 days before...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...nor later than ten days before.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A person could register and be eligible to vote within ten days of an election, couldn't they, the way we have the law now, do you know?

SENATOR CUDABACK: That does not change that portion of the statutes. Whatever is currently there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so if that be the case, why would we not have the ballots mailed closer to the time of the election so if people did register within that period, they'd have a chance? I don't mean you would mail it on election day, you'd mail it so that there'd be enough time, even with the slowness