

body, I got to, I got to think what I'm saying here. I don't usually vote to close discussion, but I did this time, and I have to explain it because I don't usually. Nobody was discussing the Schimek amendment anyway, I thought it was maybe time to close the debate and go on to the bill. I would like to offer Senator Chambers, if he's still in the, in the room, a chance to ask questions before I finish closing. Senator Chambers, if you're within the sound of my voice, come back to the Chamber. Just one more time, one last time, the amendment is on page 4 of the green copy. It deletes lines 6 and 7, which is basically paragraph...or I'm sorry, 26 and 27, which is the paragraph (1) of Section 4. And the impact of it would be to let the larger subdivisions conduct mail-in balloting on special issues, just like the smaller subdivisions. And once again, this is permissive legislation, doesn't mean we'd do it, doesn't mean we'd want to do it, but we want to at least be included in the mix. And, Senator Chambers, I think you had a question or two that you would like to ask.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, you have about a minute and...three and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, could I make a comment or two, do you mind instead...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of asking a question? And then do you want me to save you some time or should I just go ahead?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Just go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, when we set up on a population basis classifications of subdivisions, I don't have too much of a problem with that because there should be a basis for the classification and you have to have a cutoff point. But when we're establishing a process, as we are in this instance, to base it on population does not have the same rationale, the same justification. I don't think that those in a smaller subdivision than Douglas County or Lancaster County would necessarily be more honest, ethical, or anything else. So if this process is what we're going to deal with, and we are taking a step in that direction, I think Senator Schimek's amendment is the one we ought to adopt. There is no