

good approach with this bill. It is not a far-reaching bill. It is a bill which tests only on ballot issues. And I just...I don't think we can say it too many times. This has been tried in 16 states, it's been tried in Oregon since 1981, to the best of my knowledge, I think to the best of Senator Cudaback's knowledge there's never been a problem. Why would Nebraska be so different from any other state? I think we're raising all kinds of ghosts and goblins here, and it's not even Halloween. I do believe that this will save money. I do believe that it will increase participation, and we have statistics from other states that indicate that that is so. This is not going to be used in any statewide election process, no statewide issue. I want to clarify that because I think that something David Bernard-Stevens said, when he said this is going to be statewide now, and I know you did try to clarify that, Senator, but I just want to reiterate. Not only that, but it's not even necessarily going to be used in every county. It's not...there's nothing statewide about it, it's a local option bill we're talking about here. Everybody always says they're in favor of local control, and this is your opportunity to prove that. On the fraud issue, and Senator...I can't remember who it was now, but on the fraud issue I know David Bernard-Stevens has talked about this, remember, in the ordinary course of events when you go to the polls to vote nobody checks your signature. You can go in there and vote as somebody else, and unless they know you personally, those particular four poll workers, or however many you have, they're not going to question you. And in Senator Jones' district I'll bet they're going to know. In my district they're not necessarily going to know. I mean fraud could happen right now as we speak. But as Senator Cudaback so correctly pointed out, the process that will be used here will be the same as the one that's used for absentee ballots. We already have a process whereby we check every signature, and that's what will happen to prevent the college student ballot which was sent to her parents' home, even though she's away at school, that will prevent someone voting her ballot for her because her signature will be checked. And, as Senator Cudaback mentioned, there's a signature verification process that happens before election day. The potential for fraud here you might surmise is even less than it is with the regular election process. Don't be fooled by that issue. There's just no evidence of fraud, and we're trying it on a very small scale. We're trying it in elections where people may be asked to go to the poll to vote on one issue, just one. They got the kids to get from the baby-sitter, they got to