

mail n. it's absentee ballot. Where Senator Cudaback was wrong, in my opinion, is that how many people out there know who applies for an absentee ballot? See, you do that by mail. You apply for an absentee ballot, the clerk of the...the elections clerk, or whomever is in charge will send you then an absentee ballot, and nobody knows you have that absentee ballot, nobody knows, unless you choose to tell them or show them. In this particular case of Senator Cudaback's bill it has nothing to do with the concept that...we have no problems in absentee ballots, we do it all the time, because this is totally different because everybody knows you have the ballot. Now if I don't know somebody has an absentee ballot, I won't do anything to try to influence them out of the unusual because I don't know they've got it. But I know they've got this ballot, because I know when they're being sent out. And when I know they have the ballot and it's something that's very dear to me or dear to someone else, I'm telling you they will get there and play the game the way the rules are going to be. And the rules are going to be if you can convince that person that has the ballot to vote at that point when you talk with them and mail it in, it's done, because everybody knows that it's not an absentee ballot, it's simply an open ballot. And Senator Cudaback has never responded yet to this particular question, what do you do on the registered voters list that are not accurate? When I did my first campaign I sent out to all registered voters a pamphlet, first class mail. So we would get the return addresses and then we, my staff would be able to, and I'm talking about political staff because we always keep our personal staff totally out of the election process, but the election staff then looked at all of those returns and we then had the most sophisticated voter registration, up-to-date list in the entire county. Okay? And I'm telling you there were over 30 percent returns, in some counties it will be more,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...some will be less. What do you do when you send a ballot out, not because of absentee where you send it to the proper address, but you send it out to all of those 30 percent addresses that were wrong, that nobody lives there anymore and they're still sitting there in that ballot (sic) box? You tell me that no one is going to be able to figure out that if they go around and if they check those areas that are...that no one is there, that all they have to do is