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grab the ballot, fill it out and send it in, because some of these issues are very, very important. And, you know what, at the local level they can even become more vicious because now you're talking neighbor against neighbor and everybody knows, and it can get really, really tough. It's a whole different concept here. And now with the Schimek amendment we just didn't narrow it to 5,000 or less to see how it works, now everyone plays the game and we still have no idea how it's going to work.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And again, with the Schimek amendment (inaudible) I wouldn't have put this motion up there. But now that we've gone to the entire state of all cities above 5,000 and everyone, the Omaha's, the North Platte's, the Scottsbluff's, everyone, and we have no idea how it's going to work, I don't think it's good policy to do that right now that full way. Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. I appreciate the opportunity to speak for just a moment. I don't see Senator Cudaback around right now. I had a question I wanted to ask him. Senator Crosby said he went out to mail in his votes. Maybe he won't be back. (Laughter.)

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Cudaback, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Cudaback, I've been listening intently and I had my light on a lot earlier and then I had...was called off the floor, so I didn't get an opportunity to ask you. Maybe this question has been asked and answered, but I apologize if it has. But one of the questions that I had and I don't recognize in here is, when you mail out the ballots the county obviously has to pay for the postage to mail them out. Who pays for the postage to mail it back?

SENATOR CUDABACK: This is what I think we had...you do, you pay for the postage, you send them back, or you may bring them back.