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SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. I didn't see it anywhere and I didn't have an opportunity to ask you about that. Would you, when you were talking about the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: May I interrupt you for a second? Will you allow that?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Sure, sure.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We all pay into the General Fund of a village or whatever, so you would be paying that 32 cents no matter how it goes back, the taxpayer pays it in some form. So maybe it's better to pay it, that 32 cents rather than have that on your next budgeted...because somebody is going to pay it, right? It isn't a free stamp. The post office is not going to allow you to do this free.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh, I understand that. One of...one of the...just to follow up on that and one of the issues I think that I wanted to address to you about the mail-in part of it, if you're going to have the same number of people who are going to count these ballots as you would have on the normal, special election, is that right?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have a canvassing board, yes, that will...the same as the structure...we're not changing that at all.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: What's currently in statute will remain there.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, so then what you would have under this scenario would be the added expense of 32 cents for every ballot that you mailed out. That would be the added expense. Earlier you were talking about savings. I'm trying to determine where the savings is going to be if you have added expense of 32 cents for four or five thousand ballots that you had to pay to mail out. I'm just curious about, where is the savings at?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You know how elections set up, you know how the polling places set up. You know you have to have, what,