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Witek's question, I appreciate her concerns on the pilot program, and that's a good idea. But I feel like we've already had a pilot program, we've had it for about 20 years, you know. Some states have done it for 20 years. Kansas now does it in some form, Colorado does it, I mean Oregon does it and they do it for candidates, they do it...and there just absolutely isn't any...any fraud. I guess it would take almost a fool, almost a fool, I should say almost, to go door-to-door trying to convince anyone how to vote in a (inaudible) form you might say. The election commissioners office probably would be overrun with phone calls about the, you know, I mean it just is not going to happen that way. People are smarter than to do this. I mean they're out for a felony or whatever, I think the fine is, what, \$5,000 and 10 years in prison, or whatever it is. But I don't think that is going to happen. We're not reinventing the wheel in other words. The bill, keep in mind the bill doesn't actually do anything, it permits, it permits by the local governing body. We elect those local officials and I think they're responsible people. It's run locally. I think turn it over to local people, if they wish to do such, use it. I do appreciate your concerns and your comments and your suggestions and anything you might do to help improve this bill and I appreciate it. So, with that, I just urge your support to advance it to Select File and we'll go from there. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement of LB 964 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 9 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 964.

SENATOR CROSBY: LB 964 advances. Mr. Clerk, do you have any announcements or anything?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schellpeper would like to announce the General Affairs Committee will meet at eleven-thirty in Room 2102. General Affairs eleven-thirty, 2102. That's all that I have, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. The next item on the agenda is the motion to return LB 414 for specific amendment. Senator Withem. (Withem amendment, AM2990, may be found on page 697 of the Legislative Journal.)