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SENATOR WILL: The bill is indefinitely postponed. Before we proceed to the next item on the agenda, Senator Klein would like to announce two visitors, Steve Longchamps and Ron Nealeigh both from Norfolk are under the south balcony, if you'd please rise and be welcomed by your Legislature. Mr. Clerk, LB 964.

CLERK: I have Enrollment and Review amendments, first of all, Mr. President.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I move to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 964.

SENATOR WILL: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend the bill.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President (sic), members of the body. The amendment, if you remember the debate that we had on Senator Cudaback's bill, and we're shifting...I'm trying to shift gears here. Senator Cudaback was trying an experiment that other states have done, some would argue they've been doing it successfully, some may argue that they have not done it successfully. But Senator Cudaback's bill does not deal with the candidates, it just deals with issue; and the experiment is that we would be able to on just those issues, special election type of issues, the county would be able to or the entity would be able to have a mail-in...mail-out ballot to try to get more people to participate in the voting. Senator Cudaback's in the beginning had a very narrow experiment and it was communities, and I forget the number, but they were relatively small communities in the state to see how it would work. And then if it worked well, his idea and goal certainly was to expand it to all. Senator Schimek had an amendment that also was reasonable as far as what she is trying to accomplish and that is why are we going to do it just for the small areas because you may not get that big of a sampling. Let's expand it to all political subdivisions regardless of size and just do it in that manner for the time period that we have till the bill I