

and comb through the neighborhoods and knock on doors and do some kind of organized effort to push, while a person has a ballot in their hand, to push for the adoption of their issue. And that was my first amendment. My second amendment addressed the same issues that were addressed in LB 76 on absentee voting ballots. And it adopted, or could adopt, if we...if we adopt this amendment, it would adopt some of the same parameters to curb fraud for these mail-in ballots that we do now for our absentee ballots. So definitely my concern with the Cudaback bill, with the mail-in ballots, is on the issue of potential fraud, which if we at least adopt the Bernard-Stevens amendment it will get back to a bill that was 5,000 or less in the voting population, and we could use it more as a pilot to see what the issues are there, because it does address some of the expense of the election issues for some of the smaller areas, and we are going to be asking them to cut down on their expenses, and we discussed that in the Government Committee. So I saw this as an opportunity to allow them to do so. However, now that I'm more familiar with the issue, I'm not even sure I would support that. But we had an editorial in the Omaha World-Herald that addressed some of these concerns on the fraud issues, on people moving to new addresses. And I don't know if you remember, but Senator Chambers remarked on my remark on mailing ballots to the homes in my district where the voter no longer lived. So that ballot would go to someone who may or may not be a registered voter, but they could still mail it in, and we don't have anything in statute right now to protect against that happening. So we're adopting a concept here that we've never tried, that we have no idea how it's going to work in real life, and we have no statutes whatsoever, although we have pages and pages of statutes to address fraud in absentee ballots. We have nothing in statute right now to address any fraud in the issue of these mail-in ballots. So I will be voting for the Bernard-Stevens amendment to at least get the Cudaback bill back to its original form, which was a pilot, under 5,000 people in the populace. And then I still think we need to address some of the issues following on the fraud issues, the potential for fraud, even in those areas where they may have better lists than we have in our area, or maybe everybody knows each other and they won't have people combing through the neighborhoods in large numbers is what I imagine for some of these bond issues, talking to people while they have the ballot in hand. We address so many of those issues now in all of the voting situations that we are familiar with, and yet here we're going into an unfamiliar situation, but