

legislation if this advanced at that very same time and then people would be allowed to do that override voting by mail. I think that would then, as you can envision, allow different groups getting together with meetings on however they would feel on that particular issue, whether you would feel that you should defeat the override for the people or if you supported it; that gets back to really the basic philosophy of why I'm opposed to the bill and how important it is when you walk into a voting booth and you make that independent decision as you get ready to vote for whatever issue is at hand. I think once again when I said, I think I will support the Bernard-Stevens amendment. I will still be opposed to LB 964 because I believe it dilutes the voting process. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Bernard-Stevens on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, there are a lot of points to be made and I said to Senator Chambers, I believe the potential, at least in this state at this point in time, is such that if the ballots on special elections are known to be out that I firmly believe that we set up the possibility of people going door to door and really right in your face harassing people and trying to force them to vote one way or another. Senator Chambers doesn't believe that will happen. It hasn't happened in the state prior to this, but we haven't had this type of process either. But in certain parts of the state, the bond issues for public schools and other issues have been so bitterly divisive that I firmly believe that it not only could happen, that it would happen. And here I am trying to protect the downtrodden and those that Senator Chambers represents in Omaha, trying to protect them from this type of unscrupulous behavior and I don't get the support. And I say that somewhat tongue in cheek because Senator Chambers raises a valid point. If we're talking about bond issues, it should be the same for a large political subdivision than a small one, and that I think is a very valid point. Senator Schimek, however, is a little bit misleading. If we go back to, I know I got her attention with that which is one of the reasons I said it that way, when we go back to the transcript, if you go back and look at the transcript of General File, Senator Schimek had her amendment. And if you remember as we discussed the amendment, no one was discussing that in the amendment. They were talking about the bill. Senator Schimek rose and basically