

amendment, Senators Chambers, Bernard-Stevens, Schimek, and Abboud, in that order. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, not on Senator Cudaback's amendment. I want to leave my light on though.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the Cudaback amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Cudaback, maybe I just missed something but I am looking at the amendment in the Journal, but would you go back through that explanation again, and a lot of us, I think, back here were kind of confused by the explanation. One part...the first part, certainly, I want you to go through again with me, but do I have it in my mind at the end what you said was the other important factor is that people who have already voted, and we don't want to give that word out to people so they won't be harassed, how would...how could they be harassed after they've voted if the voting is secret, and if I remember right, the concern is not after they vote but prior to voting that was a concern. But that whole first portion of it just went right on...right on by me, if you could...if you could explain that again for me, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, sir, maybe I didn't make it clear, but the concerns on the floor here were if somebody wanted to go to the election commissioner and find out who had voted, who had not voted, then they could go to those homes, that was a concern, go to their homes and still contact them. If there was 20 people hadn't voted, they could go to that home and contact those 20 people. Those people, the people now who want the information cannot find out who voted. They can't find out. It's secret till it's done. They can't go find out who has voted, who has not returned their envelopes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, and I appreciate that. Now on absentee ballots, then that clarifies it for me. I appreciate that. On absentee ballots, I assume when they come in and I stated something I think on the floor that I have been corrected by the Secretary of State. People can find out how many absentee ballots are out there and actually who has asked for the absentee ballots?

SENATOR CUDABACK: We have not... we have not changed that,