

SENATOR COORDSEN: The Cudaback amendment is adopted. Other items, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I am pleased to report that Senator Witek has AM3003 on my desk at this time. (See page 1081 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I am happy that you are pleased. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: It must be our lucky number for the day. What 3003 has to do with, it reads, and I've handed out both of my amendments. This is the first on the page, and I also had Joe in my office sent out a packet of information on the statutes that we have presently governing a lot of the fraud statutes, absentee ballots situations, those situations that we just put into place, that you just put into place, a number of you, with the passage of LB 76 two years ago. Well, last year is when they went into operation. What my first amendment would do, it reads: No person shall do any electioneering or perform any action that involves solicitation or polling a registered voter of the political subdivision regarding an issue submitted at a special election conducted under Section 4 of this act within twenty feet of the entrance to the place of residence of a registered voter during the period beginning with the day the ballots are mailed to the registered voters under Section 5 of the act and ending at the time the registered voter votes. Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class V misdemeanor. This...this amendment was to address the issue of fairness. We have pages and pages and pages of statutes to address fraud. One of those statutes talks about keeping your distance from a polling station, and if you recall, in your elections, you had to keep 200 feet away from the entrance of a polling place, and they put the little flags out in the Omaha area anyway, and you had to keep beyond that line because you couldn't discuss this with someone that close to the voting area, or try to, you know, get in one last pitch. Usually, you stand out there with a sign and that's about the only opportunity that you get. That was put in for reasons of not discussing this with an individual or "harassing" an individual at their polling place. So if by the mail order you are going to have their home their polling place, then I think it just is an issue of fairness. If the potential for fraud is there at the ballot box, then the potential for coercion, and all,