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SENATOR ROBINSON: But it didn't show...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...give it to the counting board so that no one...

SENATOR ROBINSON: So, no one knows how you voted then.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No one knows where it came from.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, I like that idea. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Beutler, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, do you have...would you mind responding to a question?

SENATOR VRTISKA: I don't really have any problem with the idea except I do understand that they're going to have to have these printed with the return on them; and, as many of us know, many of the votes that are taken by various other organization do, in fact, use the double envelope. It is my understanding that most of these votes...most of these elections by mail are going to be very small elections anyway. Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I think the way we've designed the statute, if I'm remembering correctly, it's limited to special elections and noncandidate elections, is that not right, Senator Cudaback?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Schimek, question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I'll allow you to swallow. Senator Schimek, you talked to election commissioners. My understanding is, when you have mail-in absentee ballots, they're not put in a special envelope, they're just sent in.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's my understanding of it, Senator Vrtiska.