

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Hey, I don't believe that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion to advance is a debatable motion.  
Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the advancement of the bill and I want to change the focus from what Senator Cudaback is trying to do to what our discussion was on the property tax measures, specifically, LB 1085. And if you look at...if you look at LB 1085, and on the committee amendments that we've adopted now, and it'll be on...it will be on Select File. If you go back sometime to page 11, line 23, what you're going to find is we're talking about now the consolidation possibilities and the elections, the possibilities of all of these things within the property tax proposal, and the line that caught my attention the other night was the election shall be conducted, and, again, we're talking about the property tax on 1085, those election shall be conducted according to Sect'on 32-559. This is the portion of the statutes that Senator Cudaback is trying his experiment on and at first blush, you know, I don't like the fact that we do the experiment for every political subdivision. If the body wants to, that's fine, and if it was just kind of a normal circumstance where we were going to try and experiment, I might not be willing to do the experiment. But, if we did, fine, it's a good thing to try. But, as we're doing the property tax things and all the turmoil we're doing, at that point in time is when we'll be doing the experiment. This is the section on 1085 which is in the property tax package that we will be doing for all of these issues because they are noncandidate issues. I'm not sure that we want to do that yet. I'm not sure that maybe it would be more advisable to Senator Cudaback to add an amendment like we do on LB 1114 that says, this will take place, you know, three years from now or something, so that all of the turmoil that's going to happen on the property tax side and what we hope to have happen on the consolidation side has a way of working itself out without also doing a whole new election process. And that's where I'm uncomfortable, I guess, the most, right now with the bill. I'm still uncomfortable with the fact that I don't like people going right to the people's doorstep. And even though other states, and I've read the data, other states have not had that much of a problem, Senator Cudaback is correct on that, I'm still