

It is proven as a less costly way of doing ballot issues. It is proven as a method that does not lend to fraudulent practices. I think we've built some safeguards into this. I would just ask you to vote against the motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I'll be supporting Senator Bernard-Stevens' motion to kill this measure. I really look at voting as a very precious right and, with that right, there comes some responsibility and I think there's nothing wrong with a little effort to be involved in that responsibility. Certainly, I can even remember when my folks would get in their '36 Chevy and drive to Orum, Nebraska, and over muddy roads and everything else because they really felt that that was a real privilege that they had in this state and in this nation to do, to vote. And I am very concerned, the initiative petitions that are being circulated throughout the state, and I believe in the initiative process, but, along with that, I have great concern that there could be a possibility of buying elections through campaigns. I certainly look at the gambling situation as one of those where, in Florida, 16.3 million dollars was spent by the progambling lobby, in Missouri, 12 million dollars. I just think that it really concerns me that simply by receiving a letter and then all the other things that you can go along with that in urging people to vote one way or the other, it is just concerning and I'm just afraid of the outcome. The World Herald did publish on March 4 of this year, that says, voting bill should go in the dead-letter pile. I absolutely believe that. I don't believe that it is necessary. I would have supported the bill, as originally written, for communities of 5,000, but when we go into the statewide or community wide, I think there's many problems, certainly with the issues that we have come to terms with in this session, concerning schools, concerning the taxes. I'm afraid that this could be used and nothing good will come from it. So, I'll be supporting the Bernard-Stevens motion to indefinitely postpone. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I stand to oppose the kill motion. I know where Orum, Nebraska, is and where Senator Jensen got in the car with his parents to go or