

SENATOR CUDABACK: Well, naturally, it's my bill. I brought it. I would have supported it, sure.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Exactly. And I understand that and you've been consistent on that all along. When you narrow it down, why in the beginning did you want to narrow it down to 5,000 or less?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess I was selfish. I was selfish. I wanted...I was thinking of my territory. I wasn't thinking of Omaha, Senator Chambers or Senator Schimek or you in North Platte. I was selfish. I am sometimes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Cudaback, you make it (laugh) very difficult to argue when you say that. I mean how can I? That's a tough argument to attack. But, Senator Cudaback, I'm going to defend you. I'm going to say I think in my heart that you weren't being selfish because that's not the kind of individual you are. Would it be correct for me to assume that, in looking back, you may have...it may have appeared that you were selfish but your intent was you wanted to try it at a smaller scale, and if it went as well as you think it will work, and you may be correct, that then you wanted to do it statewide?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I don't remember thinking that, but I, you know, how do you know what you thought back then, Senator Bernard-Stevens? I mean you do things for, you know, various reasons.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, Senator Cudaback. Thanks a lot. Let me go in and make my own assumptions, not of what Senator Cudaback thought because if he can't remember what he's thinking certainly I don't remember what I never knew. The reason the green copy had it and the reason it came out of committee with...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...with only...with only 5,000 or less is because it was viewed as an experiment. This was a new way of doing something. They wrote the bill because they weren't...they were sure that what they were doing was correct but they weren't so sure that they wanted to make it statewide to all political subdivisions. Senator Cudaback takes the