

position, and it's a fair position, that when Senator Schimek offered her amendment, if the body wished to expand it, he would go along with that. But the reason it came on General File in the beginning in the way it was was because it was viewed as an experiment and then, after analysis, they would have expanded it statewide. And I don't disagree with that, Senator Cudaback, but what I am saying, that in the beginning it was an experiment, and before that concept was changed, we hadn't even gotten to the property tax issue. Then we changed it to be all...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...of the state.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion to reconsider on the hope that after a few minutes to think about the issue that maybe there'll be a few people that will want to change their minds. The amendment, obviously, did come up very quickly and, as a result, there might have been some hesitation from that perspective. So that's the reason why I'll support the reconsideration motion and I'll yield the balance of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens if he wants it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens, you have about four minutes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. I appreciate that very much. When we had the bill in the beginning...I'm just trying to make a record, at least, if not anything for someone else that wonders after all the property tax stuff how we actually got all of this conflict at the same time. The original bill came out. It was deliberately put at populations 5,000 or less because it was recognized that this was an experiment, an experiment they all believed that would be successful and then they would expand it. But they recognized that there could be a remote chance of problems and so they narrowed it. And I concurred with that. I think you're right. If you're going to change the election process and let people...I mean one of the differences are if you care to think about it at all, is that on election day right now anybody that's campaigning or doing something is within 200 feet or