

and Senator Schimek's concept to be implemented. Senator Maurstad's amendment does allow that we will get data to verify, that I believe would be verified, I believe Senator Cudaback and Senator Schimek are correct, that will show that we do have increased participation and there were little prob...that were not many problems, and I believe at some point then obviously we'll want to expand that if the data shows that. But, once again, there are a lot of "ifs". We don't know what bugs are going to come into play. We don't know in the mail, you know, it's interesting, even the mail is different. When I send mail to my district, it gets there in one day. You know, when it comes back this way sometimes it takes two or three. Sometimes when I mail things to the constituents in the district it takes two days, mostly takes one. Other days when I mail stuff from the house that I work at obviously in the summertime on constituent matters, mail things to the office, sometimes it takes four days. You don't know. We do know that when some people knew that there was a deadline to file to run for office, even though the postmark was there on the envelope prior to the entry, the deadline of the filing date, for whatever reason, one case the post office just lost it, the other case I don't know if they ever found out, the applications came in too late. And what was the decision by the Secretary of State, and it was probably a proper decision? The law was very clear. It was not in his hands by the deadline and so they are not running. And they may have been very qualified people, I don't know. And they may have been running against friends of mine, you know, that I know I'm sure are qualified people. But the point is we don't know yet when we have a mail-in ballot. You know, in North Platte, when you have a mail-in ballot, you know, it doesn't go to the post office in North Platte and they sort it out, sorted out and delivered. It goes to Omaha.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It goes...the mail goes to Omaha and then comes back to some place and then it's sorted. That's why it takes so long to get a letter from one house in North Platte to the other house in North Platte because our post office doesn't do that anymore. They've regionalized our mail to go from next door...to our next door neighbor goes to Omaha first, by truck, and then back. So we don't...there are a lot of questions that we're not really sure how it will affect, but we know there's going to be some bugs in that and we need to go