

I'm learning, as a parent, is that you just can't make things easier for them so that they can get it right and do it. There comes a point where you just can't say you really need to do this, you really should, I don't know why you're not, and let's just make it easier for them. You finally have to just say, you've got to do it. And it's got to be worth the effort to do so. And that's kind of what we're doing with Senator Cudaback's bill. The idea is almost like the children in a way, we want everyone to vote. We don't understand why they don't. And it would be a better place if more people voted. And, gee, we've tried everything we could think of to get them to vote and they're just not going to, let's just make it easier for them. And then everything will be okay. And I think the one thing that crawls at me on this whole concept, whether it's brought more people to the polls or not is immaterial when it gets down to the bottom line question for me. At what point do we say, democracy is not easy. There is a responsibility, and if we're not doing the responsibility, it's not...it's probably not going to be because we'll make it easier that that problem will go away. It's something a lot deeper and it might be within us, it might be how we're teaching our children. It may be a lot of things and how we approach things as a society. But democracies are difficult. And I'm not sure I'm at all excited about making it easier for a lot of people that may be uninformed because they're not involved, they don't care to be involved, and they just go ahead and pick up something and mark no or mark yes and send it in. I still think there has to be some type of thing within individuals that say, I care, I want to participate, and I'm going to make the ultimate sacrifice. Yes, I'm going to actually get on a bus, I'm going to have someone pick me up, I'm going to call my mom, I'm going to call my friend, I'll call the campaign headquarters, I'll have somebody come by, pick me up, or I may even get in my own car, or if I'm in a small town I may actually walk and take the big sacrifice of taking that time to vote for something I think is something is good for our township or our town or our state or our country. And at some point you just can't make things too easy. And I think we're going beyond that point now of making it too easy because we want people to be so participatory, so badly, we're willing to cut almost all the barriers away for them to do so. And sometimes you will accomplish, Senator Cudaback, what you want to do. But the cost of making it too easy and making it so it's not as difficult to exercise your voting rights as a free person, the costs will be way too high in the long run. And that's, I think, why, bottom