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live in that commissioner's district. But if you are elected, then you have to become a resident of that district. The second part of the bill, a different chapter of the statutes, simply states that if you are running for a position, any position where...an elective office, you shall be a registered voter of either the jurisdiction you're seeking to represent or, in the case of a commissioner or a county attorney, something like that, if residency is not required for the jurisdiction you're running in, you shall be a registered voter in the state of Nebraska. And as pointed out, it could be a county commissioner, as referenced in Chapter 23 above the...in the top of the...beginning of the bill, or, more likely, a county attorney's position. If you were an out-of-state attorney and not registered in the state of Nebraska, you could not run for the position. So you'd have to be a registered voter in the state of Nebraska. Those are the cases that I've seen involved with our area out where we have Colorado on one side of my district, Kansas on another. So straightforward, but certainly needed to be adopted. The statutes need to be revised to reflect the situations we have out there. It's quite often these county commissioners are hard to find people to even run for a commissioner's seat in some of my very rural counties. And this would clarify things. There is a...the bill did come out of committee 6 to 0. There were two people absent that day in the Government and Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. But it did come out with no dissenting votes. There was no testimony in opposition or even neutral. And there are committee amendments on the bill. In the interest of time, I'll tell you right now, I support the committee amendments. They do make some changes, but I certainly would support the committee amendments too when they are presented to you. With that, I would return the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. As stated, there are committee amendments offered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Senator Schimek, as chairperson, you're recognized to open on those amendments. (AM0504, Legislative Journal page 619.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, and members, the committee amendment contains the provisions of LB 463. And