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Democratic Party, and one member of the Republican Party. And the initiative would be located for administrative and budgetary purposes in the Secretary of State's Office. And this is where the part comes in about, why didn't we try to amend it onto this bill earlier? The reason is that the money has been assured, the HAVA money has been assured, and that would be what would pay for this, and there would be no A bill or fiscal note attached to this bill. So the timing is good. And the Help America Vote Act, HAVA, specifically lists voter education as an activity which these funds may be used. The initiative would report back to the Legislature by December 31 of 2004. And the Vote Nebraska Initiative would terminate upon issuance of the report. With that, Mr. President, I would ask the body to return the bill to Select File for this specific amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We're open for discussion on Senator Schimek's motion to return the bill for specific amendment. Any persons wishing to address that? Senator Schimek, I see none. You're recognized to close on your motion. Senator Schimek waives closing. The question before us is whether LB 358 shall be returned to Select File for specific amendment, AM1084. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 358 is returned. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I don't think I need to explain too much more about the amendment or the underlying bill, except to say that there were no opponents at the hearing, and there weren't even anybody in a neutral capacity. The Secretary of State came in in favor, the League of Women Voters, the Nebraska Appleseed Center, and an individual came in in favor of it. So I would be happy to answer questions if you have any, and urge the adoption of the amendment.