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SENATOR CONNEALY: Once again, I do approve of the committee amendments paring down. You have a...I've passed out a letter from the Attorney...from the Secretary of State who does also agree that this is far enough to go. It would allow us to fax ballots to overseas military people and citizens and then they'd mail them back in as they have before. I'd urge your support of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, you may close if you care to.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Before I urge the adoption of the committee amendment, I would just like to say that one of the reasons this all came to light was because of the Florida election in 2000, the presidential election. And if you remember at that time that a lot of ballots from overseas were tossed out because either they didn't have a legible postmark or they weren't marked at all. In Nebraska, we don't require a postmark so that is not even an issue. So this is part of the reason that that all came about. With that, Mr. President, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You heard the closing. The question before the body is adoption of AM2571, which are the committee amendments offered by the Government and Military Affairs Committee. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments offered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee to LB 727. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have nothing further at this time.