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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I had a chance to visit with Senator Chambers and others on the floor and, to me, this seems like a very reasonable request, to make it 60 days instead of 30 days. I can see that in the metropolitan areas, that kind of time would probably be necessary. That was one of things that the committee itself never questioned. Perhaps we should have. But I would certainly be supportive of this. I don't think 30 days is going to make a huge difference in the long run on this process. So, Senator Flood, would you like some of my time to also respond to the amendment?

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Very briefly, I think it's appropriate. I think 60 days is the right thing to do, and I support that. Thank you. Senator Schimek, do you want the balance of your time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you like your time back? She waives her opportunity. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. You know, it's not only in the metro areas; out in the rural area also. I do believe that 30 days was not enough time. We certainly should treat everybody the same. I think 60 days is adequate. That should get the...even in the remote areas of Nebraska where communication isn't as good as it is in our metropolitan area. No, I'm just kidding about that. But 60 days is better. Senator Chambers, thank you for recognizing that fact. With that, I'll give the rest of the time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. (Visitors introduced.) Thank you for being with us. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on FA79.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I need not comment any further on that. But I hope those who are following this area of the bill about voting, consider reducing that 15 percent. I haven't drafted an