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in our last presidential election, because it was a very close race. But I think that's appropriate. You know, the Department of Defense has really made this one of their initiatives throughout the nation, to get and make it easier for men and women serving our country in the armed forces to vote and participate in political life and electing our leaders nationwide. Nine or ten states have this, so your concern is legitimate. And I think what you're working toward is preventing a voter from, essentially, double-dipping and casting two votes in a national race, or taking advantage of maybe the nonuniformity of the laws across the nation. I will tell you that this bill incorporates language suggested in part by the Department of Defense to make this more uniform across the country. And I don't think a provision making it, you know, maybe voter fraud, or a crime, or prohibiting this specifically, would be inappropriate. I think that would be an appropriate response to a legitimate concern that you may have. And when you get into a state like Ohio, where they're actually counting ballots by hand in some precincts in a very close election, I think it makes a lot of sense.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. On with discussion, Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President and members, I turned my light on because I think that I needed to answer Senator Beutler's original question a little bit better. And also, I wanted him to have the chance to ask more questions if he had them. But committee staff has just informed me, Senator Beutler, that there are nine or ten states which presently do allow that person from overseas to vote in the county in which his or her parents are eligible to be voters. And apparently, this is another national kind of push, so there...I imagine eventually all 50 states will have the same kinds of provisions. So I wanted to put that on the record, and ask you if you want to do any follow-up questions to that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, with regard to that particular provision, just one follow-up question. It indicates that you