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hold the special election. And I don't know what a special election costs but, you know, lame duck sessions are fairly rare and that was a very unusual circumstance that I cannot recall ever happening prior in my experience watching politics. So I guess what I'm saying is how do we square the rarity of that circumstance with the expense of the special election?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. And, Senator Bourne, I think he resigned around September 1, a little bit before that. If that had occurred and this bill were in effect, what would happen is that special election would occur at the same time as the general election so, therefore, it...there wouldn't be much additional cost with it. Any other time of the year it would have to be a special election.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And, you know, if it occurred in, say, January or February, I think you'd want it to be a special election at that point.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Schimek, and I've turned my light on again because I don't understand Senator Redfield's amendment. But again, I'm going back to the bill. Why are we taking the discretion away from the executive officer, from the Governor of the state of Nebraska, as it relates to whether or not there should be an election, and a special election when somebody resigns?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The House of Representatives has to be elected. It has...the House of Representatives has to be elected.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I understand that, but I'm saying why are we taking the discretion away from the Governor as it relates to a special election? In this situation, and I will agree with you that the 1st District is absolutely entitled and should have representation, but had there not been a lame duck session, it would have...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne. Thank you, Senator