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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But, first of all, there are two Indian reservations in Thurston County, so that...you've got to keep that in mind when you're talking about figures.

SENATOR HOWARD: The Macy and the Omaha, yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But all I wanted to do is, if we do this, I want to make sure that the Ponca Tribe doesn't get left out.

SENATOR HOWARD: Ah.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And I'm wondering if we...if we need to address the population that's off reservation. But knowing that it would be a little bit more difficult to do that way, I don't know. But I really wanted to bring up the Ponca Tribe, for sure. Thank you.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you. I would not want to see them not included in this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion on the Howard amendment? Senator Foley, followed by Senator Louden.

SENATOR FOLEY: I'll waive off this time, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I approve of this amendment as such. I think something has to be done for our Native American population. I don't think I approve of the way it's written. I haven't weighed in on this amendment yet today, but we have a large population base of Native Americans in western Nebraska. In fact, in Sheridan County we have a large enough population base that we have to have access to Native American speaking people at our election polling places. So the percentage of population is quite large. So I think when you narrow it down to Indian reservation, I