

the muddy road. It's a cherished right. Why wouldn't it be a cherished right if it was a mail-in ballot? Sure, it's a cherished right. We're getting more people involved in the process. And I disagree with Senator Bernard-Stevens, we shouldn't do it now. Why not? It'll work excellent, in an excellent fashion, into LB 1114. It will, I think it would...in all the smaller entities, I think it would be fine. I think, with Senator Beutler's amendment, it'll make it that much better. So, I encourage all of you to vote against the kill motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robak. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate has ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I understand Senator Cudaback's position. Certainly, I've been in the same position and he and I have been chatting back here; and if I were in his position, I would want to move it to Final Reading, and if there's an amendment, to try to bring it back. And he understands my position, that when you get something to Final Reading, there is no incentive for those on the other side to make a concession because it's there on Final Reading and whenever you take something off in the last 13 days, there's a possibility it may never make it back up again, and they understand that, so they want to move it over very quickly and I appreciate that position. I don't disagree with their logic in doing that, but I must tell you, I hope the body doesn't think that this is a trivial thing that I'm trying to do, at least to me, it is not. Here's what you're going to have, in my opinion. If the Cudaback bill, 964, passes, when we do the property tax thing, and, again, look at LE 1085 and look at 1114, as to all the different kinds of special elections we potentially are going to have. Assuming we have those elections, they try to increase their levy, they try to merge, they try to consolidate. Here's what's going to happen, in my opinion. If one side that either opposes or supports an issue believes that they are going to be better advantaged if they get more people to vote, they will be urging that board, whichever