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that amendment to have a chance to put the discussion in the direction I think it ought to be going. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the amendment offered by Senator Chambers to the Smith amendment to the proposed rules. Open for discussion. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Louden, it's like deja vu all over again, isn't it? Say, I want to make a couple comments about the rule. First of all, I think Senator Chambers' amendment improves it, but it does not go far enough. I do like the language that he's added about requesting a Chair rather than compelling or forcing a Chair to do this video conferencing. But again, I think there are several other problems. And I want to say out...or up-front, Senator Smith, I agree with the concept, and I think that any opportunity that we can take or use to bring the Legislature to the people, I agree with that. And I'll tell you what I...I intend to take the Judiciary Committee out to western Nebraska this next interim, and so...because I think that's a really important thing that we should be doing. I have some troubles with the bill, even though I agree with the concept. Or, excuse me, I have troubles with the rule. I'm concerned about the cost. I don't believe that teleconferencing is free, so I'm...if Senator Smith would listen to these questions, and then on his next opportunity to speak, if he would address some of those. As I understand it, both the transmitting and the receiving ends of a teleconferencing facility, they have to have the equipment, and I'm concerned that what if a senator requests that we teleconference to a particular town that doesn't have the equipment. Does that mean that the state then would have to pick up the costs of installing that equipment? I'm not sure. And I don't believe that you can just teleconference to a TV. I'm not sure exactly how that works either, and hopefully Senator Smith will be able to help us with that. I'm also concerned with who here in the Legislature, whether it be the Clerk's Office or what, has the responsibility for doing this, and were they consulted. Particularly, I'm wondering if three legislative days prior to the hearing is sufficient notice for