

bill, as you will notice, as it was originally written, it deals with the notice requirement for entities which fall under the public meetings law. The public meetings law, right now, says that you have to give reasonable notice. Reasonable was not defined in present statute. The bill as it originally came in said that reasonable would mean publication at least three days prior to the meeting in a legal newspaper published or widely circulated in the county in which the entity maintains its principle office. That's the way the...it originally read. The committee amendment, what it does is it keeps this as a reasonable way of providing notice, but it also says that you can also...the reasonableness test is as we have it in current law also. This does not say that this is the only way that you can publicize your meeting. It says that you can do it in other methods, but it has to pass the reasonableness test that we have in current law. With that, I would just urge you to adopt the amendment. I think it more clearly spells out the intent of the legislation. Senator Robak is the one that introduced this amendment, so I think it more clearly defines what the bill is really meant to do. With that I would just urge you to adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendments? An amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Robak would move to amend the committee amendments. (Robak amendment appears on page 1147 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a technical amendment to reinstate three words currently in statute that the committee amendment strikes. The amendment is found on page 1147 of the Journal. In lines 16 and 17 of page 1, you will see "to the public" stricken. This amendment inserts "to the public" on line 1...on page 1, line 8, after the word "meeting". I offer this amendment because Media Nebraska, which is in support of this bill, has expressed concern that without the phrase "to the public" public bodies may fail to direct the publicized notice to the public. The phrase was initially removed in lines 16 and 17 because the current law can be read to require actual personal notice to each member of the public, which never was the intent. So this amendment