

and put together and submitted every time we wanted to have a bill presented before us, we would do that, we could do that, it would bring this whole operation to a grinding halt. But just to say it's written in the bill or just because the bill would have all the necessary sections spelled out in it, that doesn't mean that the public is going to have any better clue what is intended or what is going to be done by the legislation before us. I mean, you've got to also understand that these kinds of things are done in a way that says, look, this is how the process has to work to a certain extent to expedite things and I, for one, think the Bill Drafters Office does an excellent job in trying to explain things and spelling things out. Yeah, sometimes you do have to get up from the desk and you've got to go to the statutes and you've got to look something up. I would be the first to admit that. There's not a public library in the state, I don't believe, that doesn't have a set of the Nebraska statutes in it where the public can go to look things up if they need to. They are provided copies of bills at no charge. They can come down here. I've never denied any constituent of mine or any constituent or any individual whoever walked in my office and wanted to look something up to have full opportunity to go through the files, to go through the state books to make sure that they know what is going to be proposed or what is going to happen. Each and every one of us does that. We do that on a daily basis with legislation. We do that when we answer the calls or we answer the correspondence that we get from our constituents. So to somehow impugn either Senator Beutler or the process with the way that the bill happens to be drafted, I take great exception to. Chris doesn't need me to defend him, but I am sure going to stand here and defend the way we handle this process because to do it in any other fashion, is, I guess, on one hand, to say that we're too lazy to pick up the statute books and look it up or somehow we're being deceptive toward the public and I think this is probably one of the most open public bodies in the country when it comes to how we deal with legislation when we require public hearings on every piece of legislation. That's where the public gets the input, that's where they get things explained to them. Somehow the thought is left in one's mind when you listen to Senator Hudkins that there is no input. We pass this bill, we lay this green piece of paper out there that says we're going to change this section...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...and that section and there has never been any