

Beutler amendment, excuse me, because the way the bill is drafted and your amendment is drafted, any of those recommendations do have to come back to the Legislature for approval but at least they would be allowed to make that as their recommendation back to the Legislature. Those three, or the three changes that the amendment would make, would urge your adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President, I'll just speak briefly in support of the Lindsay amendment. In fact, I cosponsored the amendment with Senator Lindsay. I think it makes desirable changes in the main amendment that is before you and as indicated by Senator Lindsay it expressly authorizes the use of videoconferencing, the facility that we've been able to use to ensure that people across the State of Nebraska have access to our legislative hearings. It can be used by the Judicial Resources Commission to likewise assure access to their proceedings in the event they're unable to hold a meeting, for example, in an affected district. The other provisions are good provisions I believe. As I've indicated earlier in discussing this issue, it allows the Judicial Resources Commission to make quite sweeping recommendations to the Legislature which I believe is appropriate. Now years ago when we had a Judicial Resources Commission that would have been the end of it. If they made a recommendation that was the final decision and in fact the old Judicial Resources Commission I'm told at one time did move a county judge, but the Supreme Court in a case a couple of years ago said that that was an unconstitutional delegation of power. So those who might wish for more authority, more power in the Judicial Resources Commission I think will be disappointed by the constitutional difficulties involved. But be that as it may, I believe the Judicial Resources Commission is a body that can and will work for the State of Nebraska and that this provides them with some additional flexibility that they will find necessary to do that and I would urge your support of the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Is there any further discussion on the Lindsay amendment? Seeing none, Senator Lindsay, waives closing. The question before you is the adoption of the Lindsay amendment to the Lindsay amendment to LB 189. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote