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SENATOR CHAMBERS: What it says, at the bottom, sometimes it just doesn't pay to get up in the morning. What you're doing to me demonstrates partly why this thing was handed around. But what it does, instead of saying, as the bill does, that all this political subdivisions would take their action by way of resolution, it says, or ordinance in the case of a city or village. That's all that this one does.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And, Senator Chambers, an ordinance is passed in a public meeting, is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, it would, yes, it would be.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And does there have to be any notice posted about that ordinance, so people know about it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would want the ordinance to be handled in this instance as all ordinances are, and I believe that they have their procedures established so that there is notice given to the public. And I don't know if every city council gives the same number of days notice, but it wouldn't be something where they would just today decide we're going to do this and it's done.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for that explanation. And I would rise in support of the Chambers amendment. I think that it is good to have the open meetings process on just about any issue that I could think of, and this would ensure that. With that, I would like to yield some of my time back to Senator Jones, because I think people will be interested in what he has to say about the time limit issue and I want him to get a chance to say it.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I've been trying to find some time here to talk, and it just seems like it's running out. So, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I want to stand in support of the bill, especially out in the rural area because of the miles out there. And when you have a special election, and that's what this deals with out there, it might hit right during the middle of calving or something. And if they could do it by mail it would be a lot better. And I like the ten-day window because where my son lives up there they only get mail three times a week. He says they shouldn't have to pay the 32 cents for the stamp because they don't get as good a use out