

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. LB 1161 would amend the public meetings law to allow a risk management pool or any of its advisory committees to hold meetings by video conferencing. There are only two or three of these pools currently in existence. These meetings would be held subject to the same restrictions that now apply to such meetings held by state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee of an advisory committee of any such state entity and governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than 50 counties. LB 1161 is necessary to allow representatives from across the state to serve on the board of directors of a risk management pool. It is much more economical and practical for members to serve on such a board of directors when video conferencing is permitted. A couple years ago I sponsored a bill that would allow video conferencing by state boards and agencies that would curtail some of the travel that was required to serve on state boards and committees. This broadens that particular act to counties and cities in the area of a risk management pool, those that are getting together to establish one. An example is that one of the pools, the Mayor of Gering is the Chairman. Now with the...especially now with the interstate travel our river run having been discontinued, it's at least a three-day trip and it's \$500 for a three-hour meeting. This would just broaden a little bit, not much, but it would expand a little bit the area whereby video conferencing could be done in connection with open meeting laws. And I would be glad to address any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman, you will not have that opportunity, there are no lights on, so would you care to close? Question is, shall LB 1161 advance? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1161.

SPEAKER WITHEM: (LB) 1161 advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 1316.

CLERK: (LB) 1316, introduced by Senator Lindsay. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.