

Government Data Practices Act, which is what they call their Information Access Act, and other information access policy laws must be complied with and enforced at all levels of government. Sixth, one that we haven't touched on much tonight, but definitely is of primary importance, privacy is a right that must be maintained and protected in the context of changing technology. Seven, government information shall exist in the public domain to the greatest extent possible. Eight, government shall insure that government employees and citizens have the tools, applications, training, and support for electronic access. Nine, interaction among citizens, governments, businesses, and organization shall be promoted through the use of information technology and networks. Ten, citizens shall be enabled and encouraged to be consumers and producers of electronic information and services.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Eleven, the state shall insure that all citizens of their state have the benefits of universal service. Twelve, effective competition in telecommunications services in Minnesota is an essential component of effective access and interactive use of government information and services in electronic form. Those are the principles that the state of Minnesota adopted. They started in 1994. We have some catching up to do, but we need to do it in a hurry so we have that kind of legislative established principles in Nebraska for our citizens.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this will be the fastest five minutes of your lives in the Legislature. Anyway, I think if the Legislature doesn't do something about this situation it would terribly irresponsible. I believe the contract that exists is invalid, it's void. When an agent does something that he or she does not have the authority to do, that agent cannot bind the principle. The ones who entered in this contract, not having the authority, have created an obligation that is void. The state cannot be bound unless it ratifies or adopts the action done by the agent when the agent exceeded its authority. There is no court in the land that would allow a rouge agency to bind the state by exceeding