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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, thank you, Senator Beutler. I don't believe that I represented it would be when there was no controversy. But I believe that the standards and parameters which are established here make...certainly make the situation one less than controversial. We're only seeking to authorize, authorize teleconferencing, not indicate that it will be used, or must be used, or shall be used, but may be used in an instance in which the judicial workload statistics indicate that there is a need for the number of judges presently there or more judges.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Now, that seems to me to establish a floor so that there is a safeguard below which we will not sink. We're absolutely assuring the public at large, the members of the body that if there are work...judicial workload statistics which would indicate that maybe there's a question of whether the judgeship should be maintained, that cannot be done by teleconference. Although, please note, it can be done by videoconferencing right now. So I think we can...I think the protections are here, and we can reasonably conclude that a Chair, which would be a sitting member of the Nebraska Supreme Court, a Chair would convene the teleconference aspect of this when there was essentially a need to meet and ratify the reappointment of a judge when a vacancy has occurred. And I think that is the objective and purpose, and I think it's appropriately circumscribed by the language.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time, but, Senator, you may continue on your own time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'll waive off, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Brashear, if I may pursue this with you a bit longer. If the objective is to limit this to noncontroversial situations, then would you have any objection to the language which says...said that...that related the