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language, because when you say "substantially equal", I think you're actually going contrary to the direction I've heard you speak on the floor. You might think that, if the workload statistics are not quite where they ought to be, we ought not have a teleconference. So in the spirit of fairness and clarity, I'm thinking we need something other than what you've suggested. But I understand that you are trying to delete or omit the "or greater than"; I understand why, and I'm willing to work to that end. I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: For clarity, we're on Senator Beutler's time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator (sic) Maurstad, Senator Brashear, I appreciate the accommodation and certainly I think the bill should advance as that's being worked out. But let me ask you a broader and more general question. You mentioned...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You mentioned the availability of telecommunications connections now that would allow for meaningful telephone conferencing. And you mentioned certain aspects of that that you believe would pertain in terms of how it would work. For example, you may have indicated, or we may consider as one aspect of that the question of whether the person on the telephone can hear all others who are testifying at the public hearing? That is, whether they're going to be able to hear what's said, pro and con, against a particular subject matter that's before a commission or board, or whether they're isolated? Now, I suppose, in telecommunications, the way we have them today, we probably have the power to do it either way. And my general question to you is, do you know of any general standards that we probably should have that would be applicable to teleconferencing or to videoconferencing when it is done as part of or as a substitute for a public hearing?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.