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SENATOR BEUTLER: Because it seems to me we are perhaps getting to the point where we need to establish those standards, because I don't think that we can necessarily assume that those things that we take for granted in a regular public hearing, where everybody is sitting in the same room, will necessarily pertain to especially a telephone conference. Are you aware of any such standards? And would you be...would you agree that perhaps we're getting to the point where we need to establish some such standards that might pertain to all attempts to have telephone conferencing as a means of public hearing?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, Senator Beutler, I am not aware of any such standards, although that certainly doesn't mean that such standards do not exist and are not available to us. I would agree that at some...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time, but, Senator, your light is on next, so you may continue.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I...I believe that we should, at some point in time, establish, and sooner rather than later, establish in our statutes comprehensively standards for videoconferencing and teleconferencing, so that we have none of the things, unintended consequences, that I think you were alluding to earlier. I can't imagine it being much of a substitute for a public hearing if you don't let people hear other people on the teleconference. And I've not personally ever experienced that, and I've done a few teleconferences over the years. But I think the idea of having a uniform set of standards codified in the statutes would be a very good one. I just hope we don't have to prepare and codify it in Legislative Bill 47 in order to advance it. I'm advised that we have some...well, I'd like to look at this. But I would refer you to 84-1411 of the statutes in terms of notices, contents, those kinds of things relating to public hearings.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just as a closing comment, Senator Brashear,