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I'm not sure that it's worthwhile holding up anything having to do with the Resources Commission, because this body normally ignores whatever it does anyway. So what's the difference? Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, Senator Brashear, I lis.... Alive and well. (Laugh.) As I listened to that, do you envision with this teleconference, say we...that something in the Omaha area at the state building downtown would be set up so the public could come in and listen to the comments? Is that how you envision with this hearing, Senator Brashear?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Laugh.) He's reading, he's not listening.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, I am. And I was listening also, Senator Hartnett, I... (Laughter.) Usually, I can only do one thing at a time, you know, gum, or walk, or whatever. But I do envision that, and I envision that because it's provided in law, as I'm reading here, at Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411, for instance, reading from 2(b). "Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear and speak at the meeting, including seating, recordation by audio or visual recording devices, and reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, to at least the same extent as would be provided if videoconferencing was not used. These are the videoconferencing standards. At least one copy of all documents being considered is available to the public at each site of the videoconference and the like. I hope that's responsive, Senator Hartnett. I would return the time to you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And, Senator Brashear, another question, another comment. As I heard you say, this would be...you saw this being rarely used in kind of noncontroversial situations? Is that what I heard you...maybe my interpretation, as I listened to you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.