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amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, AM0131 to Legislative Bill 47 addresses concerns which were raised by Senator Beutler on the floor on General File and we thank him for his expression and his cooperation in resolving them. The amendment requires that the telephone conferences held by the Judicial Resources Commission satisfy the requirements of the public meetings law with respect to videoconferencing, which have...are already set forth in the statutes. That it will ensure reasonable advanced notice, reasonable arrangements to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak. One copy of all documents would be available at each site. At least one member of the body would be present at each site, and no more than one-half of the body's meetings in a calendar year would be held by video or telephone conference. The amendment limits the use of a telephone conference by the Judicial Resources Commission to those instances in which the following three circumstances exist: One, there is a death, resignation, or retirement or removal of a judge; the judicial workload statistics clearly indicate that a vacancy ought to be declared...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: If we could have order please. Thank you.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...in the affected district; and the commission makes only the determination to declare said vacancy and makes no other determinations. All matters and concerns of those who have expressed them having been resolved, I urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Seeing no lights, you're recognized to close on your amendment. Senator Brashear waives closing. The motion before us is Amendment 131 to LB 47. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted.