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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. And, Senator Cudaback, I'd just like to say in passing that this is not an antieconomic development bill for Lincoln. I want everybody to understand that. I don't think it's going to have a huge impact on why people would come to Lincoln. But the committee amendment is quite simple. On page 4, line 2, it talks about the telephone conference meeting being held in primary public buildings. And the committee said, well, what's a primary public building? You have to identify what that is. And then the committee said, well, does...is it even necessary that these conference calls be in public buildings, especially when you're talking about some small communities which may have a good meeting room in their local bank building, or a similar type of edifice? So, what we did in the amendment is struck "primary public" and just said then "within buildings used by members of the entity or pool, or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience". So we were trying to think of the smaller communities, as well as the larger communities. I think the original intent here was to probably hold it in a courthouse, but those don't always have rooms that are accommodating to very many people either. So, with that, I would simply urge adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Discussion on the committee amendment?
Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, I want to acknowledge that every bill that Senator Cudaback introduces not only makes sense, but is very simple. So I just wanted to put that on the record. I do support the...I do support the amendment because I think that, as indicated by Senator Schimek, it does in fact make it more valuable for some of the smaller cities and organizations who could utilize this service. And so I would urge you to support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 28. Senator Bohlike.

SENATOR BOHLIKE: Mr. President, members, just rise to say not only does LB 461 make sense, I don't think it should go on