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question, isn't the only reason for this bill the convenience of the officials who are involved in these entities that want to have these conference calls? Isn't that the only reason for it?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It's...it's probably the primary reason. I mean, like I say, they drive for miles maybe for a one...for a 30-minute conversation. And you understand that, I'm sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Cudaback, in the same way that they say the time you spend with your child, the value is not determined by how much time, but the quality of that time. Are you telling me that very important decisions will never be taken in a 30-minute meeting?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm not saying that. I'm saying that we now authorize videoconferencing, as you are aware of. We passed that a couple of years ago. This goes along with the same line. It probably should have been put in at the same time, but for some reason it was not. I think the Risk Management and so on have only been around since we authorized that, what, a few years back. And this was unfortunately left out that you could have these calls by conference.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Cudaback, thank you, that's all I'll ask you right now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Um-hum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm not going to prolong the discussion on Senator Schimek's amendment, but I am going to talk about it one other time, because I'm going to oppose it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is what I am looking at, these counties and these little entities want to be miniature states. They say, don't put mandates on us. The only reason counties and cities exist, and the Nebraska Supreme Court has said it repeatedly, I wish more senators would read the law, they exist to carry out activities of the state, those that the state will accord them the authority, or assign the duty to carry out. If they don't want to be involved in that, abolish them. They are