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media to put spin on things. And I would just like to be assured that at least the body that is doing the governance gets the information before the media does. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Schimek, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just rise in support of the Brashear amendment which really strikes the Standing Committee amendment. And I would like to thank Senator Brashear and his office for working so hard on a very, very difficult issue. I think that we're almost there. I think with the Coordsen amendments we...we do get there. There may be one or two questions out there yet, but I think we're...we're working towards a finalized copy of this bill. And I would encourage your support of the Brashear amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Hartnett, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Brashear, that one part, it says, the (b) part, if there is a legal basis for denial of access or copies, written denial of the request, together with information specified in Section 84...does that give enough time for a body that may...there might be some legal bas...the three day, I think that's what you said. Is there...I'm just, I'm not an attorney or anything, I'm just simply raising a question, Senator Brashear. Is there time enough for that process to work, you know, for...for a body, I guess, whatever it is, public school or something to look at that and, you know, have their legal people look and say this is...this is a good basis for denial?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you. Senator Coordsen or Senator Hartnett, my...excuse me, my...my response would be that three days is sufficient. I think in this case, as in many others, if we have too great a delay, we ultimately have in effect a denial, number one.