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SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: So we need to...we need to make it reasonably expeditious. Secondly, if someone has referred it to counsel, they're going to rely upon that referral as being a legal basis.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Um-hum.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I mean, you're going to run it by counsel, you're going to get an initial reaction, and counsel then is going to take the responsibility for saying decline it as being confidential, or privileged, or otherwise necessary to be maintained in camera.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That would stop it, if...if...what you're saying, if an attorney said, for a particular body, said this...this is probably private, we can't release this information, within the three days. You think that's time enough? I'm not an attorney.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That would be, in my judgment, that would be a good faith response. It would not be stonewalling the situation just to be stonewalling it. You would be indicating that there's a legal issue, that you referred it to counsel. Counsel would take the responsibility for giving the initial reply, and ultimately you could challenge that, but there's at least an orderly process for proceeding.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Um-hum, okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Further debate on the Brashear amendment? Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wonder if Senator Brashear would respond to a question?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, would you respond?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I will, Mr. President.

SENATOR MATZKE: Is there...has any consideration been given to