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Senator Brown and I discussed earlier about being able to get a copy of a piece of paper that was submitted in a report. In light of the opinion expressed in the Attorney General's letter, please provide me written clarification on how NEOC intends to handle a party's request for information related to an open investigation. Another issue of concern is whether the Attorney General's conclusion that records from fair housing files must always be provided to the parties applies to records related to conciliation. Under the federal Fair Housing Act, information related to the conciliation process is protected from disclosure, the sole exception being the conciliation agreement itself, which is a public document. Similarly, the Nebraska Fair Housing Act states that conciliation records are protected from disclosure. However, it is unclear whether the Attorney General's conclusion applies to conciliation records. At your earliest convenience, please provide clarification on how NEOC handles requests for documents related to the conciliation process. Information related to the conciliation process is not to be disclosed, under HUD's own rules. With the way this amendment is drafted, Senator Brown said it applies to conciliation. All that information must be disclosed, copies of it. Now if the HUD document means nothing to you all, then it means nothing to you. I included a copy because it was included in the information sent to me by the writer of the letter. So you can read it at your leisure and analyze it and see if I misrepresented anything. But if they have problems with the Attorney General's Opinion, and if it raises serious issues because things he may have mentioned or indicated should be disclosed when demanded, that is in violation of HUD rules. So how can a law be substantially equivalent to the HUD requirements when it mandates release of information that HUD prohibits? As Senator Bourne stated, people may be tired. But that's a part of what happens this late in the session on a bill such as this. He said more succinctly something that I had teased at: \$500,000 should not be put at risk. There is no compelling reason to pass this bill right now. I admitted my blunder in allowing it to be handled...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as a consent calendar bill. I relied on