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we do have to follow Section 3, Rule 13, as far as public notification. So we have to follow the same rules as every other committee. So, just a point of clarification. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, when you've been around as long as I have been, and you pay attention to things as I do, it becomes not too difficult to take a point that seems very profound when it's made and show that it really has no application and that there are other instances where the very item involved in that point will be defeated. And I'll give you an example. Senator Brown said that the Executive Board, which refers bills, should not be a committee that would hear the bills. Members of the Legislature, the Nebraska Supreme Court assigns cases that come up on appeal, either to itself or to the Nebraska Court of Appeals. Now, why should the Nebraska Supreme Court be allowed to take an appeal and assign it to itself and still hear the appeal? Because whether the court assigns it to itself or to the Court of Appeals means nothing in reality. So it might sound like something of significance has been said by asserting that if the Executive Board refers a bill it should not hear the bill. That has nothing to do with anything. Bills that come before the Executive Board do have a public hearing. They are processed in the way that bills are processed before other committees. What must be kept in mind is that those of us on the Executive Board do not cease to be members of standing committees. We know how the committee system works. We understand public hearings. We understand going into Executive Session. We understand crafting, adding, or rejecting committee amendments. We know how to take a vote to determine whether to kill a bill, whether to advance it to the floor, or whether to just hold it and let it die in committee. We are not mystical, strange, magical entities when we sit as members of the Executive Board. There's a verse that says something like this in the Old Testament: When a man dies--now, those who are ordinary people like me would say, when a sucker croaks--if he is filthy, let him be filthy still; if he is righteous, let him be righteous still. If we are dunderheads before we get on the Exec Board, we are dunderheads on the Exec Board. If we come