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accommodating and what isn't, of a schedule. But we have an opportunity to save taxpayer dollars here, in addition to accommodating logistical concerns, time concerns, and other issues of citizens from around Nebraska. I think that we can open up the access to Nebraska, open up our process, and allow folks to step forward, with time limitations, I support those time limitations, and we can be better off because of it. I'll never forget...and this is all in perspective, we always hear that everything is in perspective, but when I observed the process, as a page in college, and a member--and bless her heart for expressing this--but she stood up and said, out in western Nebraska, where I'm from--and it was 90 miles...approximately 90 miles west of Lincoln--and there's a vast state out there. And I know that there's been a more recent issue that has had hearings around the state. And I was told that hearings occurred in western Nebraska, in Mullen. And quite frankly, there's about three hours' driving time further west of there. And we still battle hard out in western Nebraska to make it to eastern Nebraska to put forth our opinion, to express our opinion, our concerns. But it's vastly different. And now, I'm kind of awaiting various discussions on uniformity across the state, and especially as it relates to room temperature and the climate, as we have seen in various proposals now facing...education issues. But I think we need to keep in mind that we have a big state, and that we can accommodate folks, especially, and especially when we already have the technology that I believe is underutilized because we don't seize the opportunity to use that. And I hope that you will look upon this with favorable consideration. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on the amendment offered to the proposed permanent rules. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Smith's request. (Legislative Journal page 221.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the amendment to the proposed rules.

CLERK: Senator, if I...just so you know, the members know,