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would somebody say, use common sense; if there is no equipment the rule does not apply? I would say, then use better sense and judgment in crafting a rule. This rule is open-ended. Personally, I don't care what the Legislature does about this rule. If you adopt it, it just is more grist for my mill in showing the flaws and deficiencies of the Legislature and the lack of mature judgment, and why extended debate is often required by me to inform not only the public, but sometimes the members, of what is being proposed to the Legislature and what a majority of the body may be contemplating doing, and what they're contemplating may not be wise. Mr. President, I don't want to impede what Senator Smith may be able to get his colleagues to do, so I'm going to sit back and watch the show, without any impediment from me. And with that having been said, Mr. President, I withdraw my proposed amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is withdrawn. We're back to the Smith amendment discussion to the proposed committee permanent rules. Those wishing to speak are Senator Louden, Senator Kremer, Senator Smith. Senator Louden, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Since Senator Chambers withdrew his amendment, that part would be...wouldn't be...make any difference. I think I support what Senator Smith is trying to do and I think it's a good idea that any time that we can go out into the areas of Nebraska, surrounding parts of the state, and have our hearings, I think it always helps with the public relations for the Legislature. Anything like that, that brings other people in contact with the Legislature and the senators, has to be a positive effect. We've done that through the past summers that I've been in the Legislature down here, and any time it's always been greatly received wherever we went. As far as the telecommunications, the equipment is already in place at the present time. I think there's one in Chadron, Scottsbluff, North Platte. Any place where there is an extension service or some of the state colleges already has the equipment for telecommunications hearings at the present time. I think what we're missing a bit on our technology is right now even the Legislature is not being shown on areas that they used to be.