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then that there is an enhanced case for public meetings in this compact. Having said that, here's the language I'm concerned about, on page 90, lines 10 through 14: The commission may meet in camera--"in camera" means in secret, right?--may meet in camera only after a majority of the entire membership votes to close a meeting in whole or in part. And then it has some other language that says, as soon as practical will reveal some information. Now, my problem is this. In Nebraska, we don't say that a body can just decide when they want to go into a secret meeting. There are very specified, narrow limitations as to when this can happen. But my question to you, Senator, is, is this provision that allows that body just to decide by majority vote if they're going to be in secret session or not, is that the only provision of this agreement that deals with public meeting law, or is there something in here that could quite easily have overlooked?

SENATOR MINES: I've not seen anything either, Senator Beutler, that would address your concern. I wish I...there isn't anything else.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. The...let me...let me give that some additional thought then.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The reason that I have renewed concern about this is simply the ease with which...with provisions and changes that are not particularly obvious to people, great damage can be done to a large number of consumers. And let me say that also, backing up a little bit, that I am in favor of this legislation because the federal government does a worse job at this than we do as states and probably as I think this compact would do under this sort of arrangement. So I'm overall in favor of the bill. But my renewed anxiety about this kind of thing derives from the examination last summer of the National Warranty debacle. And, as you are aware, as I am aware, that debacle occurred because of some very loose,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.