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interim, that's great. If you want to sit down and meet with these folks, that's great. They would be happy to meet with you. But again, I don't think that it's fair for us, as an institution, to deny these people the right to a public hearing.

SENATOR MINES: And, Senator Bourne, I guess the position of the committee is that hasn't...there is no reason to do that. The institution in question hasn't demonstrated and hasn't had the opportunity, I agree, to demonstrate that it would do harm. On the other hand, everyone else has fallen under that determination and the committee felt that it was time that that happens. Would you respond?

SENATOR BOURNE: So, Senator Mines, I thought you and I had discussed this and you were in support of my amendment.

SENATOR MINES: I'm in support of introducing the amendment and if we want to take it to a vote, that's certainly fine.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Mines, since we're having this colloquy on the microphone, didn't you mention to me yesterday that the original bill did not contain language that would have...that would have eliminated the grandfather provision?

SENATOR MINES: Yeah, that's true.

SENATOR BOURNE: Did you also mention that at the Exec Session it just kind of came out of thin air that we go ahead and eliminate that grandfather provision?

SENATOR MINES: Well, there was...believe me, it didn't kind of just come out of thin air, but okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: The point is, was there a hearing relative to the grandfather provision?

SENATOR MINES: No, there was not a hearing to that.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, that's my problem with the process. And I don't...I guess I'm struggling as to why we're throwing our rule book out the window, in a sense, and not...