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Nebraska Educational Television. Chapter 81 deals with state government communications. Chapter 85 deals with the University of Nebraska. That's the section, subparts 401 to 418; 85-1501 to 85-1542 deals with the community colleges; and 86-575 deals with dark fiber.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why is it not going to deal with dark fiber? Why is the bill not going to address dark fiber?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Because there's no need or requirement that it deal with dark fiber. Dark fiber is provided for in those sections and we're not wanting to be in conflict with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Aha! Eureka! Senator Brashear, when we were discussing some other aspects of what certain entities may be doing now, you said some of them are doing things which are illegal, in your opinion. Is that right?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: I did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That would mean the law either prohibits them from doing it or they would need explicit authorization under the law, which they don't have; one or the other. Would you agree?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if that's already in the law, why would we pass a bill that's going to impact on any of those things?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Because we're not dealing with dark fiber here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, forgetting dark fiber now, I had been asking, when my time ran out, was...what I was dealing with was the fact that if this bill becomes law, it's going to prohibit some entities from doing things which currently they may lawfully do and which they are doing. That's what I had proposed. And do you agree or disagree with that, before I proceed?