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checks to make sure that this rule or regulation is what the people want, and that it is good policy for the state of Nebraska? From what I remember from junior and senior high civics class, that is the duty of this body, that is the duty of the Legislature. I have nothing against the Governor or the Attorney General or the Secretary of State, but I don't feel comfortable with the rule and regulation process as it now stands, and I feel LB 373 is a good step in the right direction. The Nebraska Supreme Court has stated it is the fund...it is fundamental that in the legislative grant of power to an administrative agency such power must be limited to the expressed legislative purpose and administered in accordance with standards prescribed in the legislative act. I feel that agencies have been allowed to stray away from this limitation of their power. They are allowed to promulgate rules and regulations without seriously considering the effects it will have on the lives of everyday citizens, and whether it fits within the public policy that has been set out by this body. LB 373 is a step in reversing this present situation that we have allowed the agencies to take advantage of. In my short time in office, I've already logged many complaints regarding a variety of agency rules. I've received letters, for example, from the Springview Village Board of Trustees and the village board of the city of...the village board of Oconto regarding the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and their Regulation and Licensure Title 179, Chapter 16. Under these regulations, any water system that chlorinates will be required to take water sample five days a week. This seems like a simple rule, shouldn't be a problem. You have to test your water five days a week. Well, the village of Springview and the village of Oconto in the 43rd District estimate that that's going to cost them \$12,000 a year. This will make a big dent in their budgets that these small villages have. I don't think that the NDHHS realize the fiscal impact these regulations, that go above and beyond the EPA requirements, would have on small villages like Springview and Oconto. As the law stands today, these disgruntled organizations and citizens have no place else to go except to court, and many people don't have the time or the money to pursue that option. So I feel LB 373 is a law that we need. I think it's one we have to have passed. Under the amendment to the amendment, the main change in that will be in