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not receive return phone calls. I do not find out how the rules are made, the regulations are made. This bill will give a new state senator an avenue, a remedy to get the attention of an agency that maybe has decided it was...will not listen to the real policy-making body of state government. Who runs this state? Sometimes I wonder. Some agencies even have a policy cabinet officer, and their job is to coordinate the rules and regulations, and speak for the agency. Why do we need a policy cabinet when we have a Legislature with 49 state senators that are elected? I have to go back and answer to my constituents as to what I've done in the Legislature and why I voted a certain way. Rules can be made in this state behind the doors of an agency, with their public hearings, if you call them that, and making different calls each day as to which way the state should go. I like the idea of giving the Legislature the power to put its thumb right on top of what's happening in an agency, if they're making laws in their own little world, and call them on the carpet and say, let's take a look at this, what do the people of Nebraska really want, what do the people of Nebraska want via their elected representatives? Finally, I guess I would just offer this. Why would any agency be afraid of legislative oversight? We represent the people. They work for the people. They should welcome us providing our input, making their decisions easier by providing the oversight needed to run the state. And that's why I applaud Senator Bourne and Senator Fischer for putting this bill together. And I would offer Senator Brown any time that I have remaining.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Brown, you have 1 minute and 20 seconds.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. I am in support of the amendment that's before us, the committee amendment, and the underlying bill. At a meeting of CSG when there was a discussion of what the most important thing that you could do to facilitate...

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...good governance during a time of term limits, this was...this kind of legislation was the number one suggestion, because there is such a transfer of power from the