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60 days. There's no mechanism here for a standing committee to call an agency into a hearing. This is all done via writing. And I just want to point out a couple things. We are one of six states that do not have legislative oversight on the rule-making process. Senator Brown, I appreciate her comments. She indicated that this is a...that the CSG indicates that this is important, and I believe they're right. But I think I've introduced this bill actually in a more stringent form in each of the last four or five years, so this is something I absolutely think we need to do. It is not directed at any agency. It just simply says it simply provides us, the members of the Legislature, with a look at a proposed rule to determine if it comports with the intent of the Legislature. I think it's fair. I think it's appropriate. It's not singling any particular agency out. It treats them all the same. I think we absolutely have to do this as an obligation that we have to the citizens of the state of Nebraska in responding to term limits. With that, I very much support Senator Fischer's amendment, the committee amendments, and the bill. I would urge your adoption of all of them. Thank you.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Schrock, you're the next speaker.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the legislative body, the amended version of this bill is probably okay. I have some questions as we're...are we trying to fix a problem that isn't there? That is a question I pose to you. I, personally, don't know of any agency that isn't...hasn't been responsive to members of this legislative body, and especially to the chairs of the affected committees. Now, if I'm wrong on this let me know, but my experience is, is that the agencies that we've worked with, that I've worked with, have been very responsive to the Legislature and to the affected bodies. Now, I'm hearing some...I'd like to hear some examples. If I'm wrong, let me know. And if I am wrong then tell me how this fixes the problem. I don't want to be an obstructionist here because it's probably a pretty good piece of legislation. But I do ask why, why we're doing this, and I think the discussion on this would be appropriate. So thank you.