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other capacities. It does not mean it can be placed on a table as a loose document that could be removed and is therefore not available throughout the meeting for members of the public to view. It is there to be a ready reference document. The intent of this provision also means that if the meeting is moved to accommodate a larger number of attendees, or for some other reasons, then the posted Open Meetings Act may be moved, and shall also be posted in the new meeting room. "Accessible" means it can be viewed by members of the public at a location, height, and in large enough print that it can easily be read by the public. Raising objections of violations during the meeting is another aspect. Currently, under Nebraska Supreme Court decisions, if citizens attend a public meeting and do not object to a violation during the meeting, then the citizens lose their right to challenge any of the violations which occurred at the meeting, whereas any citizen who did not attend the meeting is not held, currently, to this same restriction. The bill states that public bodies may not raise as a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object during that meeting. This, in my view, would provide consistency and maintain the same equal standing for all citizens. With that, Mr. President, I will conclude my opening remarks. And I thank you very much for this time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening. There is Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments, as stated. Chairperson Schimek, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee had a hearing on January 25 and spent a number of meetings discussing this bill. We had a large hearing. If you notice the statement of intent or the committee statement, I'm sorry, we had a lot of people testifying in favor of, and we had some testifying in opposition, too. And we tried to take everybody's concerns into consideration when we drafted the committee amendment. Let me tell you what the committee amendment omits from the bill. First, the committee amendment eliminates the requirement that an individual who will be discussed in closed session be notified at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and be given the