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meeting minutes give no hint to the subject matter being discussed, King said. Mackiel and Peterson have refused requests by the newspaper to release all documents, communications, and other written records related to the preparation for the June 6 vote. The World-Herald argued that the records should be available under...the World-Herald has argued that the records should be available under the public records statute. In arguing that records don't have to be made public, Peterson said most of the research was presented orally, so written records are minimal. All the written records, he says, fall under a provision of the public records statutes that exempt from disclosure the work product of an attorney and the public body. Again, I'd just ask you, when you vote for this bill, that you take some of these things into consideration. We must make sure that the public does not feel that they are being manipulated. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pahls. (Doctor of the day introduced.) On with discussion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I'd just comment that Senator Janssen had talked about the fact that we do have good open meetings, open records laws in the state, and I would concur with that. I think we do. And yet, it's an issue that I believe we can improve upon. I believe this legislation does improve upon it. This is not a new issue for me. Since first coming to the Legislature, I have continually inserted either amendments or actual legislation to provide for notification to neighborhood associations about rezonings and redevelopments within their area, with public meetings being announced in advance. Open meetings, open records are very important. In fact, I introduced the original enabling legislation to put all of our information on-line on the Internet, so that the public could be aware and informed about the things that we're doing in the state Legislature. Our meetings are open. We have public hearings on all of our legislation. I believe we have one of the most open processes in the nation, and I'm extremely proud of that. And I believe that this is one component of continuing to maintain that high open ranking. I, in my conclusion, want to say that all of the