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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I just don't want anything in the future to come up where an issue exists where it doesn't really have to.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I understand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now this next question goes to the last page of the committee amendment, subsection (c). "The policy group shall not be subject to the Open Meetings Act or to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09." I can presume and assume why that is, but can you explain why that is necessary...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... and whether it's in the public interest?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers, the committee believed it was necessary because the policy group has the potential for dealing with security issues. And we felt that at present time they are not, I don't believe they are, abiding by or subject to the open meetings laws, and we thought that would codify that. We thought that because the legislators were going to be ex officio members that they wouldn't bring with them that open meetings, open records part of legislative process. I mean I'm not expressing that very well, but do you understand what I mean?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand what you're saying.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it seems to me the public would have a right to know what these kind of operations are doing. They should not develop into these supersecret groups who probably most of the time aren't going to be dealing with anything that amounts to a hill of beans as far as actual security is concerned. So I would rather see this policy group specifically made subject to these provisions with reference to open meetings, but allow them to go into Executive Session if certain specified issues were to arise. Do you have an opinion about