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it was a solution to what happened the other day because it deals with the public document laws. As long as the state of Nebraska or another governmental entity maintains a document in their archives, they are public documents and cannot be withheld from the public. You would hope that public agencies would know that they should protect this information, when, in fact, it could endanger the individual named, but, in fact, we have not given the authority to do so. LB 966 went to the committee. It came out of the committee with the amendment I asked from them and it was unanimous, 7-0. Senator Brown, I believe, was absent at the time of the vote. If you look at the amendment on the bill, you will see that on page 5, lines 4-6, it deals with one aspect which is absolutely germane to our discussion today. It deals with the exemption that public agencies could choose to withhold Social Security Numbers, credit card or debit card numbers, and expiration dates, financial account numbers, supplied to the state and local governments by citizens. That's germane to what we were talking about the other day. And it's certainly germane to the issue of identity theft. There is one other change in the public document laws that was included in LB 966 by amendment and that is found on page 2. And this deals with the computers which are owned by the state. If, in fact, you want to get your hands on a Social Security Number or any kind of financial number, what do you do? You hack into the computer system. And, in fact, on page 2, you find computer and communications networks schema, passwords, user identification names. It's talking about vulnerability assessments, which we do to see exactly where our systems are vulnerable. We want to be able to withhold those from those who have no need to know so that, in fact, our computer systems and databases are protected in the case of jeopardizing our public. So I would ask you to consider this amendment and put it onto LB 276. I believe that it would be an avenue for us to solve the dilemma which we faced the other day in seeing the names of individuals and their Social Security Numbers. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the bill. Senator Cudaback. Excuse me, debate on the amendment. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members, this is my priority bill and I thank Senator Redfield for bringing it and the