

Now I think that is reasonable. I think if they are going to have a meeting, an official meeting, even though you've got all of the board of directors out there somewhere at some national meeting, you wait until you get back to the State of Nebraska, put out the official notices that you are supposed to and have the meeting right here in your home state. That is all this amendment says. Now I'm willing to adopt this amendment, send it to Select File and let it sit there awhile. I guess I'd like to have some of those public bodies come to us and start telling us why they want to go outside of the State of Nebraska and hold a public meeting. I'd like for them to have to come to us and explain why they want to go to New York City or somewhere instead of having a meeting right here within the state, within their subdivision. I think it would be a little difficult for them to explain. Again, I cannot support the concept of singling out one committee, one agency and saying you've got to do it within the state, but it doesn't apply to everybody else. That is certainly not the intent of the law. I think we ought to clarify what the intent is. That is what this amendment is all about. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. May we have order, please. (Gavel.) Lower the conversation level a few decibels. Next we recognize Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support Senator Vickers's amendment. I view this as a very noncontroversial amendment. I think it is just basic common sense that if we are going to have public meetings in this state, and if we are going to have local political subdivisions, no matter what they might be, if they are going to have a meeting and the meeting is supposed to be open to the public, that the meeting should be at least held in the State of Nebraska within the boundaries. This amendment does not prohibit any of the local political subdivisions to take their trips to Washington, or Disneyland, or wherever they might choose to go. But if they are going to have an official meeting, where we would hope that there is public input into these meetings, I feel that the meeting should be held in the state. The question has been raised with public power districts, whether they should have...they have to have a special meeting in different areas of the country to meet with...or for whatever reason that might be. We do have telephones. If there are any problems I feel that you can call up let's say