

let's all drive to Lincoln, at state expense? We would have had mileage for those people, we would have had meals, and we would have accomplished the same thing. I suppose that is another explanation for C. Bruce Davis in Omaha who made it a point, during my campaign, to say Marge Higgins had the fourth highest phone bill in the Legislature. You bet I did because I didn't run people all over this state, running up gasoline, mileage, meals and lodging and things like that. I believe a great deal in taking the cheapest way out if it is still the most efficient. Thank you, senators.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, if you really stop and think about it, it would be the same thing as this body having a public hearing out of the state, then none of the citizens would have any input. Can you imagine what would happen? I've even tried to get a public hearing held in western Nebraska, like LR 30, and I can't even get that done. They have to be held in Lincoln. So I don't see anything wrong with the amendment. I think it is a good amendment. I'd ask you to adopt the amendment and advance the bill. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, you may close.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, very briefly, I'd just like to remind the body again that it is the intent, I am convinced of it, in Chapter 84 that all public bodies within this state hold their meetings where they make public policy within this state. It simply makes sense that that was the intent, even though as we all know sometimes the language we put in the law, the intent that we have behind that language is not perfectly clear. All this amendment does is make that perfectly clear. I urge the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Vickers amendment to LB 117. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the Vickers amendment to LB 117. Please, record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays on adoption of Senator Vickers's amendment to the bill.