

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, thank you. I don't particularly have a problem with the amendment, although I don't understand why, if we're going to make the local records available of Lincoln senators, why we don't make them available for all senators. I'm sure that Senator Chambers, once in a while, will call out to perhaps order a pizza or make some.. make some personal phone call, and so if we're going to do it, then do it for everybody. I understand the point that Senator Chambers is making and I don't particularly have a problem with the amendment. I don't think it's probably workable or feasible and I don't understand that much about phone records to know, but the reason that I'm speaking is that...and maybe I shouldn't be, I'm...I'm a new senator, maybe I haven't been here long enough and been in enough meetings to understand the issues here. But I have been...I have been a citizen of the state for more years than I would like to recognize. I did have some town hall meetings this last weekend. I do understand where the public is coming from and I would just like to urge the body to make its decision in this area based on public policy, not on personality. I ask you, if we had a different Auditor, if we had an Auditor that you didn't have personal problems with, would we have the same...would we have the same statute that we're proposing today? You know, I've heard the characterizations. I've heard the name calling. I've seen the cartoons, and, frankly, as a member of this body, I am..I am at the end of my patience with that sort of thing. We have lots more important things to do. We need to get this issue resolved. We need to get it behind us. We need to make this decision based on public policy and not on personality. We need to make this decision based on accountability and not on trying to become immune or protect our own immunity from accountability. The public, not only in the State of Nebraska, but throughout the nation is looking for disclosure and not deception. And no matter what the intent is here, the...the interpretation is that we're trying to immune ourselves from the standard that we may set for others. We pass laws all the time requiring other people to be audited, to file reports and so on and so forth. There's no reason why we should not as well. I have sat here in the short time that I've been here and I have...I have admired and I have been amazed at Senator Chambers a lot of times. I respect a lot of the views that he expresses. But on this issue, Senator Chambers, I was paying attention, I was listening, and I am absolutely amazed at your position. When we had the lottery bill you argued about setting an example for children. You said that's important that