

Dear Senator,

I am writing to ask you to address the issue of proposed changes to legislative rules, which are to be heard in a public hearing of the Rules Committee. Proposed rules changes for this session are due on Monday at 5:00 p.m. But Sen. Clements has chosen to schedule a public hearing for the very next day at 1:30 p.m., giving constituents very little time to read and prepare to comment on any changes. This runs counter to the purpose of holding a public hearing in the first place. Preparing to comment cannot be done properly in less than 24 hours, so we are calling on our lawmakers to introduce a rules amendment that would include rules changes in the already established 7-day notice requirement for public hearings. This is the rule for all bills and resolutions, so why not for rules changes as well.

This information came to me from Nonpartisan Nebraska, which helps provide in-depth analysis on rules changes, but which is obviously hamstrung this year by Senator Clements' scheduling.

Thank you for whatever you can do to correct this problem!

Respectfully,