



Dear Senator and member of the Rules Committee,

I am writing to express the concern of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska on the timing of a public hearing on proposed changes to legislative rules. As you know, proposed changes for this session are due tomorrow (Monday, January 11) at 5:00 p.m. Senator Clements, Chair of the Rules Committee, has scheduled the public hearing for these proposed changes on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Constituents and civic organizations are given very little time to review and prepare to comment on the proposed changes.

League members are calling on their lawmakers to introduce a rules amendment that would stipulate a 7-day notice requirement for hearings by the Rules Committee as is required of all other legislative committees. This is the rule for all bills and resolutions introduced, so why should it not apply to hearings by the Rules Committee also?

I am also asking you, as a member of the Rules Committee, to move to postpone the Tuesday hearing and provide a 7-day notice of a future hearing on behalf of constituents and civic organizations in the interest of total transparency in government.

Respectfully,

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