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facilities that's the three things that can be sent to the power review board for settlement of the dispute.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you very, much, Senator Goodrich. Now, the thing that I want to impress upon the Legislature is the fact that if you ever have been as I have been involved in a misunderstanding or a contract negotiation for wheeling, please take good note of these amendments.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Schmit, then Richendifer, then Whitney. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I pass for now.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Yes, Mr. President. It was inferred by Senator Carpenter that the people had nothing to say about their rates or how the public power is to be performed. There are elected officials to the board of directors. Now if the people are dissatisfied with their rates, they can go to the polls and elect a new board of directors. This is, NPPD is controlled by the board of directors, possibly they have some input from the people that run NPPD. The only thing that I can see from negotiations or competition between public power is the raise in rates for the consumer. Now I have dealt with NPPD on rates in my little old village and did not have a lot of trouble. These people are reasonable. OPPD has had two or three raises and some decreases over the past thirty years. The only thing that the wheeling amendment can do is to raise the rates to the consumer. When these people become in competition with each other, build duplication of lines, becomes competitive and this is exactly....Senator Carpentersaid to me one time, we have a beautiful situation. We have public power in the State of Nebraska. As soon as we open this up with the wheeling amendment, we do not have public power. We have competition between public power. Our rates in Nebraska and over Iowa are much, much fairer. That is an individual corporation in Iowa and I could show you figures if I had here the plan in my area up there, say is over the same period of time, money of \$400 a month over the same period. We know these things and the only thing the wheeling amendment can do is cause competition between our public power districts. This Legislature can control them, the people can control them. I don't know how else you'd want to control them. It's a very special interest amendment to this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney. Then Epke.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Goodrich a question please.

PRESIDENT: Will Senator Goodrich yield?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Goodrich, I'm not very familiar with this so what I know is what I've just been listening to. And as I understand it, the Schmit amendment says here that any determination by the board regarding rates shall be advisory only and not binding upon the parties. And then when I go to your amendment, I notice that it says nothing about rates. Now could you explain to me why your amendment has taken that portion out?