

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well because this is such a momentous occasion and big bill I will Call the House and a roll call vote too Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Alright. The question before us is shall the House go under call. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 11 ayes and 12 nays to go under call.

PRESIDENT: Senator...alright, call the roll.

CLERK: Roll call vote. 13 ayes, 14 nays, 10 present and not voting, 12 excused and not voting. (Vote appears on page 711 of the Legislative Journal).

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. LB 180 Senator Clark has asked to be excused. He has to go home and shovel snow he says. So, it is LB 180, Senator Goodrich's bill.

CLERK: Read LB180. Senator Bereuter is not present. Senator Goodrich has an amendment almost the same on page 2, line 27 (read amendment).

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, we can take up Senator Bereuter's amendment after some discussion, we have agreed to his amendment. I'll handle it for him.

PRESIDENT: The first thing is for the introducer to discuss the bill if there are no committee amendments. So, you have the floor to discuss the bill.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, this is the bill that you will all recall that would provide a health and accident insurance plan for boards of directors of REA's and other power districts. The bill came up the other da: and there was some question as to what the words or other...for example a separate or health or other insurance plan similar to that provided for the employees, the other could refer to life insurance plans. We did not intend it to have life insurance plans so I would suggest that we would go ahead and adopt the Bereuter amendment so that there is no question whether or not it is just health and accident insurance. The other question came up as to what the cost of this would be to Omaha Public Power District for example. The cost for seven directors of the Omaha Power District would be about \$1,916.88, this is as a result of a bid that was obtained for this coverage from Mutual of Omaha. They are the ones that carry the regular employee plan for the some 1700 employees of OPPD. Now, this particular bill is needed by the 27 REA's of the State of Nebraska. As you will notice from the committee report they came in and supported the bill. The Norris Public Power District supported the bill and there is a couple of others that supported it but did not testify that day. It is a very negligible cost to a district. So, consequently if the districts have all gotten together and decided yes, they agreed yes that they want it, then frankly I am saying we should give it to them. It is a very inconsequential cost and one other point that I think I ought to point out and that is the Director would only be covered during the time he is on the board. If he left the board he would no longer be covered. This bill does not provide for any member of his family to be covered. It is just the directors. Right now I am going to move that we adopt the Bereuter amendment.