

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kremer, please.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Kremer, don't you think that this would be good due notice that something might come here before this body even if they do not wish to have it come here prior to the time that they have reached their agreement and that we should thank Senator Barnett for probably bringing it here so that maybe we get along a little faster after this bill is disposed of and killed by this Legislature?

SENATOR KREMER: Of course, Senator Duis, it depends on what happens to the bill. He may be successful in getting this bill passed and they...

SENATOR DUIS: Well, my last remark was after we have killed the bill.

SENATOR KREMER: Oh, yes. We would hope that it would stimulate some activity on the part of the task force that they themselves have set up the same as they did in 1963 when we were here. They had the same kind of problems. At that time they set up a task force. They did solve their problems and I am convinced that they can do it again but they need a little prodding now and this may be one prod that will help them along.

SENATOR DUIS: I think this is a sharp stick. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Lieutenant Governor Keyes. Senator Rasmussen, if you would like equal time, you can push your button.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, and fellow Lieutenant Governors, I believe we all passed that class today. Senator Barnett, in the past when L.E.S. and its supplier have had a disagreement, how has it been settled?

SENATOR BARNETT: The only thing I know is they have gone through the courts.

SENATOR KEYES: That's right. Now Senator Duis was very good. Lieutenant Governor Lewis was very good. So you're setting up a Commission that's going to take forty five days to get into operation. Then they take ten days to get the third member appointed. Then they have ninety days to arbitrate on the thing or extend it if they want to and then after they get through with their ninety days and extend it they have got twenty days to come out with the report that simply if neither side wants to accept it, they go back to court. So I don't see what we have gained by this. If we had gained anything, if it was mandatory what these three men would decide or three persons, I could understand it but just to say they shall go on to court doesn't solve the matter. It seems to me that it is odd that this legislative body here who have created a subdivision of government to provide electricity or electricity in irrigation in this state do not have anything to say about the rates that they charge, that one power company can charge another power company a different rate than it charges its own customers. It seems very odd to me and also along with it its very odd to me that they have written in the constitution how they pay in lieu of taxes which is one of the most unfair methods that you can find. So I see no reason that nothing at all that this bill is going to do to help the situation because it's going to go to the courts. They are not going to accept an arbitrary figure of three men, one from each side and those two appoint another. So I would say the best thing to do with this bill is give it a good hearing, serve to those boys that are sitting in