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SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not sure there's an emergency out there but I do know that there's two districts that are looking at this bill. As you may recall, this legislation would allow two rural power districts to merge, and they may charge different rates to their ratepayers, based upon their indebtedness, for a five-year period of time, and after five years they could...they'd have to charge the same rate to all the members in the district. But there certainly is interest in this bill and if we put the emergency clause on it, I believe there are two power districts that would merge and use this bill quicker. So I would ask you to vote for the emergency clause.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on AM0699 to LB 243. Open for discussion. Seeing none, Senator Schrock. Senator waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM0699 be adopted to LB 243? All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Voting on AM0699. Have you all voted? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of AM0699.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM0699 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment to the bill?

CLERK: Senator Schrock, AM0698, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 788.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on AM0698 to LB 243.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this was actually a bill brought to us by Omaha Public Power District. It's originally LB 374 and it has some economic development ramifications. Certainly the Omaha Public Power District is interested in this bill to use for economic development. And it would allow...it would allow them to reach an agreement for economic development for a company that would locate in the state of Nebraska that has a load factor of 500 kilowatts 60 percent of the time, that the rates cannot be effective for more than five years and cannot be less than the