

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I'd like to clarify something here. Really, this is a pretty simple amendment. What it says is they can replace their own units that they have presently. They have to use the power themselves, they cannot wholesale the power. Now, anything above whatever they have now, if they're going to expand they'd have to go to the Power Review Board anyway. I just talked with NPPD, and we never see a light normally anyway, but we do agree on this one, and NPPD agrees to it, and so does REA. If it's an agreeable amendment, and it's certainly an acceptable amendment, I think we ought to pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before I go back to Senator Fowler for closing, I recognize Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, Grand Island has been mentioned several times, and my need to worry about that situation. Well, there's plenty of need to worry about that situation, but an amendment that Senator Lamb is investigating is the answer to the worry. It is recognized that NPPD and OPPD went into a partnership in Fort Calhoun #2, recognized that OPPD and NPPD in partnership had excess power available at the time Grand Island and Hastings formed the Great Plain Power Agency as a joint venture...went to the Power Review Board to get permission, the Power Review Board says no, it's better for you to buy out of Fort Calhoun 2. Great Plains Agency was abandoned. Grand Island and Hastings called up NPPD and said, come sell us some power. OPPD cancelled out on Fort Calhoun and NPPD says we have no power. Result...Hastings builds a plant. Grand Island builds a plant, NPPD builds a plant, and OPPD builds a plant. Now these things you've got to worry about. Now we're talking about 600 megawatt plants, not 25 megawatts. It would appear to me that when you want coordination, when you want the Power Review Board to be in control of generating capacity, why make them lick the postage stamps? Now be reasonable and have them spend their time and have them spend their monies and their abilities on seeing that OPPD and NPPD don't do away with an atomic plant again...or what's going to go on at Gerald Gentleman #3? Now this is what the Power Review Board is for, not cranking up a Fairbanks Morris generator in somebody's fire station someplace. The Power Review Board should definitely be in control of the coordination of all generation facilities in the State of Nebraska, and 25 megawatts is not a generating facility, and it is not part of the system, Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, it is not part of the system, because that power cannot leave the munny. This amendment restricts them from being in the wholesale business, and being part of the munny pool, and that's exactly