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come back and explain to the Power Review Board the reasons for cancellation, not just we will open it up to the public as Senator Kremer explains, but it would be an educational process for the Power Review Board as well. It might kind of inform them a little more as to sorts of things that they should consider before they go ahead and approve a plan. So I think Senator Lamb's amendment is constructive. I think it will provide for exchange of information and communication and I think that the Omaha Public Power District certainly could go along with this sort of thing, because I think they stand by their decision that it was the wisest decision for the State of Nebraska and it is just unfortunate the Power Review Board approved that power plant without looking at the total picture.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Lamb, could I ask you a question? Senator Lamb, I am going to support this unless some answers come up that are detrimental to it and if a public power district, Omaha or any other, NPPD, or any other power district across the state decides that they are short of electricity but they don't know exactly what kind of a plant they want to put in. They don't know too well what they want to do. Will this hinder them within their district from doing a study to find out and develop and find out what it is going to cost without going to the Power Review Board, because if they go to the Power Review Board and get a permit to do it, then they absolutely have to follow through and do it, but how do you feel about that? I think I made it clear what I want to know.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Keyes, this would absolutely have no effect on the power districts ability to conduct whatever studies they would like to have and I appreciate your concern but I can assure you this amendment would not affect that ability at all.

SENATOR KEYES: It is not going to affect the ability whether they should...before they go to the Power Review Board, they say, well maybe we had better have a coal fired one; maybe we had better have one that is a power on the river or maybe we had better have a uranium plant. Now is this going to hinder them and you say it is not going to hinder them at all? They can go ahead and do the study in there and then they go to the Power Review Board and say we want to build a two hundred megawatt, or whatever that mega thing is, power plant and we want it to be steam generated, coal fired. You are not going to stop that at