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Nebraska and particularly for OPPD you will see that the figures projecting have gone up very little in usage, 2 and 3% and not the 7% and 8% usage that we had been lead to believe in the past or that has been in the past nationally but a very small amount, and based on those figures the board felt and I think I will concur that it was not cost justified to spend \$2,000,000,000 of the ratepayers money and even though they ended up having to settle this case in court and had to spend a considerable sum of money, I, as one ratepayer, Senator Lewis, would personally rather pay the \$35,000,000 than the \$2,000,000,000.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hefner. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: We will cease debate. Senator Lamb, did you wish to close?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, just briefly, I believe the debate that has developed here on the floor has indicated the necessity for this amendment. The amendment provides merely for the public hearing which would air some of the concerns that have been expressed here in regard to a recent cancellation of a power plant. It would serve the purpose which has been demonstrated that is needed through the debate on the floor here. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: You are now voting on the Lamb amendment to LB 119.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Lamb's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Lamb's amendment is adopted. Now we go back to the bill, LB 119. Senator Wesely, did you wish to continue?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to move LB 119 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are advancing LB 119. Those in favor of advancing LB 119 please indicate by saying aye, opposed nay. The bill is advanced. We will move on to LB 223,