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that particular reason. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I think here is another matter of how much are you going to gain and what you are going to lose and I cannot see that you are going to gain, that is, cut the cost down. I won't reiterate all the reasons. You have heard them and it is going to cost money. Figure this very simply, five thousand notices go out and that isn't that big a city, it costs \$750 alone for postage and the cost of mailing and stationary, the works, I don't know but you could add another \$750 I am sure and probably more. So right there are costs that are going to have to be paid by the consumer. Those are set costs, and with the city council, the governing bodies elected by the people, believe me, they are going to keep these costs down as much as they can. That is their job and I just can't see the reason or why it will help and I think it will cost extra money. I certainly will oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I am going to speak very shortly. I am going to support the bill and I am amazed and I believe it to be the truth what Senator Schmit said that expenses have gone up. There is very little we can do about it. If you tell the ratepayers that their rates are going up, they can tell you that the price of oil has gone up, the price of coal is going up, labor is going up, everything has gone up but there are two or three things that you might bring out in this committee that is meeting and to explain to the people and I am sure that there was not five people across the State of Nebraska knew that when Three Mile Nuclear Plant went under that the nuclear power plants in Nebraska would have to come up with five million dollars to help pay for it. Had they known that, maybe they'd have told them to get their own insurance or something else would have been decided. I am rather amazed that that hasn't been brought out today but it is one of the determining factors that the people, if they go to this board, will ask and they will find out. I am sure of another thing that when we close down the one nuclear plant, shut down the construction of it, I am amazed that they made a statement in the World Herald that they could pay NPPD \$35 million and give them \$20 million of uranium and not have to raise the rates, but less than two weeks after that they come through with a rate increase. I think these