

and tell us what could be done about it. The Dunn report if you have read it has given us some very fine guidelines of what ought to be done. Now our time is very short. I could say more but I want to end it by saying this. The reason there is a split in the committee, the committee feels that something needs to be done, but it is much more than what we are going to be doing by this bill and we need to have a long hard look at it. We did not have time to do it during the session. We did call a special "Talk it Out Meeting", asked the interested parties to appear and see if they could not offer some type of amendment. Senator Simon has alluded to that. Again we found quite a disparity in agreement. It was not there. I voted against bringing the bill out, not because I am against a bill like this, but I do think that we need to go further. I think that we need to spend a good deal of time on it and see if we can't agree on something that is going to be really worth while especially in light of what has developed in the last few weeks in the public power industry. Just an explanation to the best of my ability, why the bill is where it is, why it did not come out and now you have the vote before you. You make your choice.

**SPEAKER MARVEL:** Senator Kennedy and then Senator Goodrich.

**SENATOR KENNEDY:** Mr. Speakers and fellow members. I don't talk very often. I would like to have your attention. I think that we are talking about a bill that is very important to the State of Nebraska, certainly to the tax payers and certainly to those people who pay their bills and keep the power that we need. I would like to make a statement, if you would listen. Your chairman just made a statement. He has got a lot of expertise as chairman of the Public Works, he voted not to bring the bill out. If you listened to some of us that have been here not one year, not two years, not four years, not six years, maybe eight, ten, twelve, fourteen years, serving on the public works, listening to the testimony, we have got a very important bill. Look on the General File, how many bills up there are very important? We had a lot of testimony in the committee. We have listened, we have studied it, we decided and we voted and if you look at Senator Clark and the years that he served, if you look at Senator Goodrich and the years that he served and you look at our chairman, Senator Maurice Kremer, and the years that he has served, yes, I have been here and I have served. I have enjoyed serving on the Public Works. I have enjoyed serving in this body. I do not take up much of your time but today I must speak. We made a decision, we made a decision to have an interim study. It is very, very important that we get the facts from both