

sides. Nothing will be a closed meeting as we discussed the other day. Senator Beutler said that the bill must be changed. We've amended until there is only two parts left of it. Just listen, if you listened to his statement, he said that it has been changed completely. So, it is a better bill. But, when you change a bill completely without a public hearing you are not listening to both sides. I like to listen to both sides. If you are a good salesman you will sell something that is good. All right, we have a bill here that needs some interim study. Let's look at it sensibly as the committee did and I hope you will turn down the vote to bring this out of committee because if you look at the people that voted to leave it in committee and study it seriously I hope that you will get the message. I appreciate your concern as I look at it, as the public and as Nebraska will look at it in the future. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we go to the next speaker, from Senator Maresh's district it is my privilege to introduce 15 eight grade students from Shickley, Nebraska, Don Rytich is the teacher and they are in the south balcony. Would they please raise their hands so we can see where they are located. Well they were in the south balcony. Senator Goodrich and then Senator Vickers and then Senator Cullan.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the legislature. I rise in opposition to bringing this bill out of committee. I would like to tell you why I do that. There was, for example, serious questions relative to the merit of this particular proposal in the committee as Senator Kennedy outlined for you. There was some strong opposition to the bill, the way it was drafted originally and also the way it was redrafted by the Beutler amendments. Then on April 17th, there was a special meeting held in Room 2102 at which all of the power industry was invited in to comment on the Beutler form of the bill which is what will be proposed to you. Nebraska Public Power District brought up 15 objections to the Beutler proposal, to the Beutler form of the bill. Omaha Public Power district agreed with the objections of the Nebraska Public Power district and also added where is the need for any legislation and what does 461 accomplish that is not being done already? You will.. some of you at least will recall that we have been having some of these breakfast meetings with the Governor, in the Mansion. On one of those particular occasions and the people that are trying to bring this particular bill out, some of them were at the specific meeting at which the Governor himself said it is time we lay off the power industry. Then Lincoln Electric System, Mr. Canney, Walt Canney specifically was in that particular meeting and Mr. Walt Canney brought up seven questions relative to the bill. I was questioned on