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also would submit to you that they definitely need to be public hearings. Let's let the public talk. That doesn't necessarily mean representatives of NPPD, LES, or OPPD. So for that reason I would like to hold this bill so that we may study it during the summer, hold these public hearings, hearings perhaps in Sutherland, in Comstock, in Omaha, throughout the State of Nebraska. Let the rate payers tell us what they want in it. Let us study some of the things that have been brought to our attention that has gone wrong in Sutherland. By the way, I think there have been several things that have gone wrong out there. Let us use that as a basis to rewrite a bill that will give that Power Review Board some teeth so that these types of things can not happen again. I hesitate very much in being in opposition to raising LB 461 out at this point, because I do think that Power Review Board needs teeth. But it is simply because of the fact as I indicated it is late in the session and we do need to make sure that we are going to cover all of our bases and I hope that by next year when we come out with one it will cover all of those bases. I would urge you to vote no at this time and let us come out with something that will do the job. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Previous question has been called for. The question is shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Shall debate cease? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, no nays to cease debate Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Simon, will you close on your arguments.

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, Mr. President, I will. I want to re-emphasize a couple of points and make a couple of others. Senator Kremer I think very clearly and very honestly projected to you just exactly what has taken place and what has transpired on this bill in the committee. I don't think I have to tell anybody here but maybe it should be at least known to the public that the easiest way to get a bill killed is under the guise of an interim study. Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow. That is the wishes of public power. Public power in the State of Nebraska over the years has had exactly what it has wanted to do. It has been able to run its management, it has been able to run exactly the way it wants to without any challenge of this body or any other