

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Vickers on an amendment to his own amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President and members, actually this amendment to the amendment printed in the Journal on page 523 is more of a technical nature also. If you will notice on page 523 on subsection 2 where we are amending 70-638, the words "or offers to negotiate" are inserted after bids up in about the middle of the paragraph. This has to do with advertising for bids or offers to negotiate. The bottom part of that section or that statute has to do with the plans and specifications that might be held at the office of the district and in order to clarify it and make this more...in order for the bottom part to be like the top part is, the words "or offers to negotiate" should also be included after bids on the next to the bottom line, and as I indicated it is a purely technical amendment to this amendment and I would urge the body's adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment? Okay, any further discussion on Senator Vickers' amendment to the Vickers amendment? If not, all those in favor of the amendment to the amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment to Senator Vickers' amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries, the Vickers amendment to the Vickers amendment passes. Approved, so we are going then to the Vickers amendment as amended. Senator Vickers.

CLERK: Yes, sir, that is on page 522 of the Journal.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment that is being offered to LB 34 is to address some of the concerns raised by the public power districts in regard to the words "maintenance and repair" in section 2 of LB 34. Quite honestly, the words "maintenance and repair" do cause a problem for the power districts, I can understand that when we are talking about them offering putting out for bids a sealed bid, simply because in many instances when we are talking about repair and maintenance of a power plant or something of that nature, the exact amount of damage or the exact amount of repair needed, or maintenance needed is not known. In those instances, a sealed bid would therefore probably result in a much higher bid than necessary by