

there was a real possibility that the bidder would, in fact, inflate his bids tremendously because of unknown factors then obviously that would not be in the public interest, it seems to me. Now I do not think that philosophical...(interruption.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just the fact that NPPD feels or anybody else feels that it would be cheaper in a particular instance to do away with sealed bids and simply negotiate the contract, that in and of itself would not fall under the category of being in the public interest and allow them to do away with sealed bids?

SENATOR VICKERS: No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Vickers amendment to LB 34? Seeing none, Senator Vickers, would you close on your amendment as amended?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think the discussion here has been pretty thorough. I would just suggest that this is a very good compromise between the two parties involved and would ask the body's support for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is the adoption of the Vickers amendment as amended to LB 34. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

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

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The Vickers amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, would you care to discuss the bill further then?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think the first section, or the second section has been discussed at quite some length in the adoption of this previous amendment. The real meat of LB 34, if you will, is Section 3 on page 4, and this is an attempt on my part and it was an attempt on several peoples' part to define responsible bidder, to give the board of directors of the various power districts of the State of Nebraska a little bit more authority, if you will, legislative authority, to reject the low bidder if,