

never had before hardly but at the same time in those rare cases where there are some difficulties for the power districts we would provide them some flexibility with some checks and balances that would allow us to monitor the situation and ensure that no abuse would take place. There are also two additional changes that are more technical than anything to the amendment which help the power districts with some problems they have had with this statute for some time. First off we clarify the fact that when they do advertise on these bids or with negotiations, they would have to advertise in newspapers with seven days between issues instead of the present language which has three consecutive issues within twenty days which is kind of confusing to them and this clarifies that they would have essentially three issues that they would have to advertise in. If it was a weekly, that would take place in a matter of a two week period. Also the other changes that we would allow when a regulatory body makes an order that would not allow them to let for bids on contracts because of the time constraints a regulatory body has put on the power district, they would have an opportunity to use the emergency section and negotiate contracts immediately so they could meet that order and keep their power plant on line but presently they don't have that authority, and as you have seen with the nuclear regulatory commission in particular, there are times when they will give you twenty days to come up with some changes to a nuclear power plant and that is just not enough time with our bidding statute to let those out for bids. So in those particular circumstances where time constraints are too great to let for bids, they would have that flexibility but that would be, again, a very extreme case. So my feeling is that we have an excellent amendment here that deals with the concerns of the power district, and at the same time change this loophole so that it no longer allows the sort of activity which we have seen in the past and I think it is a very fair change and I certainly encourage your support for the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption...we are working on the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 34. Senator Vickers, do you wish to be recognized on the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the Wesely amendment. As Senator Wesely described it to you, the amendment that had been worked out when this bill was on General File because of the shortness of time had not had an opportunity to be examined by all the various parties involved. The amendment that Senator Wesely offers to you is now a clarifying amendment, if you will, to the