

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I would just like to make a few short remarks. We spent a great deal of time in the Public Works Committee on the hearing on this bill and in working out the amendments in committee and subsequently the amendments that were passed on the floor. It is a very important bill in terms of guaranteeing a bidding procedure for contracts of over \$50,000 and where it is impractical to put those contracts out for sealed bids why then it guarantees a notice and advertising procedure. Now it is very important that these contracts not be let on an informal procedure to their friends without either sealed bids or without extensive advertising. What I am afraid is going to happen is if this Lamb amendment attaches, why the entire bill is going to wind up being defeated and if that would happen, it would be a major setback for open and honest and bidding by power contracts in the State of Nebraska. I think it is important for us to hold firm with this bill that has now become a consensus bill that is agreed upon by the industry that essentially in the Lincoln Journal in its editorial has indicated is a fundamental good government measure consistent with the public bidding traditions of the state statutes of the State of Nebraska and so it is important to resist any eleventh hour changes at this point. Thank you for your attention.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate now cease. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed nay. Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Lamb, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, Senator Hoagland said this bill was agreed upon, the Wesely amendment was agreed upon by the industry and that is not true. It was agreed by one segment of the industry. The other arguments are that power districts can live with this. That is correct. They can live with this because even though it is cumbersome, even though it does not serve any purpose they can live with it because they just pass the addition cost on down to you and me. What I am saying is this goes farther than we need to go and if you look at Senator Wesely's page 4 of his handout, only to those situations where bidding appears not (inaudible). There are still