

understand the amendment, what Senator Beutler wants to do is say, okay, you are under that law but we are also going to throw in many law in terms of voting and I guess you are going to reach a point where you get the worst of both worlds and make it unworkable. And when I say the worst, I mean simply this, you are talking about the financing system essentially. You can pick anything you want almost in terms of what local officials have to decide. They are elected and they have to make decisions and one of the decisions is whether they do this or that and so on and so forth. You are talking about the ultimate financing mechanism, and I think there is a point where you have to say, these aren't things traditionally. These aren't the things the people vote on. Hell, these are why we have the elected representatives to do the business functioning and so on and so forth. So I urge you to reject the amendment and go ahead and read the bill that, as I say, represents a milestone in bringing differing entities together and they have agreed to be under the power laws and that is what it is now and I think he is trying to keep them under that and then go have votes of the people, and I think it becomes unworkable if you try to do all of those.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, from Senator Beyer's District in the north balcony we welcome forty-nine students, 5th Grade students, from Springfield Elementary School, Springfield, Nebraska, Mrs. Sally Uhrich, Mrs. Virginia Eickhoff, Mr. Plugge, and two other teachers in the north balcony. Will you raise your hands so we can see you so that we can welcome you to the Unicameral. Senator Beyer also has three visitors from the Papillion High School, Bill Clark, Chris Quane and Tricla Gallagher, underneath the south balcony. Will you stand, please? Okay. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would most certainly like to clarify the amendment just to be sure that everybody understands what it does and what it does not do. It does not extend the right of the people to vote on these different kinds of projects. What it does is prevents that right from contracting to too great an extent. It is not extending anything. All right, a distinction is made in the amendment between power projects and other types of projects, water works, sewer works, waste disposal plants. With regard to power projects, the amendment says, all right, we will take away the peoples' right to vote from power projects because NPPD doesn't have to vote and they are in the same kind of construction business of power plants. All right, we will make it all