

it kind of fell apart in time. We have a very high degree of cooperation in the industry this time and they are trying to work together and I think while things are going well and while they are moving ahead in this area, instead of anticipating that there won't be any problems because we have seen that in the past although things may start out well sometimes they don't end well, we are saying that we want to put in the statute that they will do this, that they will annually take a look at the situation and make adjustments in that plan and thus update it although they don't have to redo the whole thing every year. We don't want that to be the case and they supported this. They want to have this statutory authority and I think recognition of the fact that they are working on this and getting the job done, and so the Nebraska Power Association supports the bill with the amendments. All the utilities support the bill that I know of with the amendments and they encourage this effort because it says to them we want you to do the power supply planning, we want you to work together and develop for the first time a statewide power supply plan. Now when many of you are talked to about the fact that when you conserve energy all of a sudden our rates go up because you plan for more energy and you conserve and you have the same amount of revenues so our rates go up, that is not fair. The best way we can deal with that argument is to pass this bill, because if we properly plan so that we take into consideration conservation and other factors as best we can and try and recognize the fact that things are shifting all the time and plan properly, we won't be caught in that situation where by conserving energy we actually end up paying about the same amount of money because rates go up. So I think this is really an important bill for the power industry and I think it is important for utility rates and again I worked with the power industry. They support the bill and encourage your support as well.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, your light is on.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, members, I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question, if he would yield please. Senator Wesely, in the bill now as I understand it, it indicates that the identification of all transmission lines located or authorized for construction within the state that have a rate capacity of at least 230 megavolts and then it further goes ahead and says identification of all additional planned electric generation and transmission requirements needed to serve estimated power supply demands within the state for a period of twenty years. Now where it talks about transmission requirements, in that section, is that referring to the 230 megavolt size?