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SENATOR WESELY: Yes, that is the size of the line.

SENATOR VICKERS: In other words, the 230 megavolt size that it talks about under subsection (b) is also included... would be included with all of the other references to transmission lines in the other subsections, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I will support this bill but I wanted to get that in as a matter of record that that was the size of transmission line you were talking about throughout the rest of the sections. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members a question of Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, do you recall why Rex Carpenter of the rural electric opposed this bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Cope, he opposed the original draft and I think one of the reasons he was concerned was in the original draft we had a section on conservation that said that before you could be granted a permit for a new plant or something they had to review conservation efforts that you had undertaken and take a look at that as a criteria. We deleted that and replaced it with a power industry supported amendment which was included in the committee amendments which just said that they will report as part of their power supply plan different conservation efforts undertaken by the power industry and felt that that would be a good step to take to inform other power entities of what is being done across the state for conservation. So I think with that change, I don't see where they would have any problem but that was the one I think they had with the bill as introduced and we took care of that.

SENATOR COPE: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is to advance 302 as amended. All those in favor of the motion to advance the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The motion is to advance 302 as amended. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I can't believe that we have that many absent.