

is going to be owned by the Central Nebraska Public Power District. It is on their dam but at the present time what is the hang-up as I understand it, is over trying to figure out who is going to be responsible for the construction, who is going to take over the overrides of cost if there are any and at the same time all the power that comes out of that plant is going to be sold to one other entity, the Nebraska Public Power District, who in turn will turn around and sell it to some other people. Now this is viewed as being a rather ridiculous situation in many areas in the State of Nebraska I can assure you. So the amendment that I have offered here simply says that if NPPD and Central Nebraska cannot get together, then Central Nebraska, we are going to encourage you to go ahead and construct the plant and sell the power directly to the Nebraska Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative which winds up, which is the cooperative made up of the rural electricians. Now I think the other people that have spoke on this issue have been very eloquent in the need for this project and the ridiculousness of having these two entities battling with one another but again, realizing the force that a legislative resolution has, which is just about the same as writing a letter, and realizing that we can talk all day and take up a lot of time and not really convince anybody of anything, if they intend to have their little petty differences which is what I think is going on, they are going to continue to do it at the rate-payers' expense, at the irrigators' expense and everybody, all the people of the State of Nebraska's expense. So with all that in mind, rather than take up any more of our valuable time, Mr. Chairman, I would ask for unanimous consent to also withdraw this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, I guess we are ready to proceed with the vote on 186. Senator Marsh, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MARSH: Please, I have a question I would like. Is it a fair evaluation, and I don't care who responds, that if the two parties having disagreement do not settle it, that this would be fair warning that next year there probably will be legislation?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR VICKERS: I would respond to Senator Marsh if...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...she asked a question of anybody that would respond. I would be happy to respond, Senator Marsh.