

Works Committee, if I offered my motion, the original motion to refer it to a committee for a public hearing, Senator Kremer, if I offer my motion to refer it to the Public Works Committee for a public hearing, do you feel that your committee would have the time, the energy, the interest, or whatever else it would take to, in fact, have a public hearing by your committee, not by Senator Chambers, but by your committee which other interested Senators, like Senator Chambers and myself might be invited to the meeting, and thereby look at the issue again and try to discern public interest, public desire in regards to this very important project?

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, would you respond?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, Senator Newell, you have asked a two-pointed question. You have asked if we would have the time and the energy. I will answer that one first. We will try to find the time. The energy is doubtful on my part on someone that could. Now to get down and be sincere in my answer here to your question, I think the Public Works Committee, like all other committees, generally will follow the direction of the Legislature. If the Legislature asks us to make a study of this issue, we will do the best we can to carry out the directive of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Did that answer your question, Senator?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, I need to ask Senator Lamb a question.

PRESIDENT: All right, you have about a few seconds left, so you can ask Senator Lamb a question. Go ahead. Senator Lamb, will you respond?

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Lamb, as Chairman of the Executive Board, I think it is important to get your okay on this regard also. If I offer a motion to refer this resolution to the Public Works Committee for an interim study, would there be a problem with that from your office?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, the problem, Senator Newell, would be that we had a deadline for those interim studies. That deadline is past. If we don't uphold that deadline, then the next time it comes around, we are not just going to have one resolution that is submitted after the deadline, we are going to have dozens and dozens and dozens. If you don't hold fast to that one deadline, it puts the Executive Board in a very difficult position.