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many of the rural districts who now schedule irrigators to reduce peak electrical consumptions have noticed that some irrigators are tampering with the load control devices to allow them to bypass the irrigation scheduling. The theft of services have also been enumerated in the past by the Omaha Public Power District and by our own public utility in Fremont, Nebraska, and the general assumption is and report is that the theft of electricity has been a problem for most electric utilities.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, do you want to talk on this amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, a couple of questions of Senator Johnson if I may.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson, will you yield?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Johnson, has this had a public hearing in the Judiciary Committee?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: No, it has not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is there any reason why they couldn't have put in a bill that would have had a public hearing on this? Did they miss out for some reason. Is there any emergency?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: The problem is a continuing problem.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So there is no particular emergency at this time?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: No emergency, that is right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What is the penalty for violation of 28-515?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: It is described in Section 3 as a Class II misdemeanor.

SENATOR BEUTLER: As a Class II misdemeanor?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Right. At the bottom of that page just before Section 2.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you, Senator Johnson.