

or to conceal from any supplier or...service...". Senator Lamb made a very good point in that they are not talking about someone who innocently falls into this and I agree with him that any court in the country wouldn't convict someone if they know it is innocent. So the words are in there. It says, "...deceptive and unauthorized means obtains...". I would suggest you vote against Senator Beutler's amendment. I think the amendment is well written and I would urge your support for the amendment after defeating Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kremer, did you want to talk on the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I would, Mr. Chairman. I think we are dealing with two different kinds of misbehavior. One is a direct theft. The other is a measure in that you are allowed to purchase electrical energy at a lesser rate than the standard rate applied to those that are not under the scheduling contract. However, weather can play a freak and so can the malfunctioning of a certain device that is used to shut off this supply and it bothers me considerably. I wonder if we could not, Senator Beutler, in lieu of striking the language add some language saying "...or who by any deceptive and unauthorized means obtains the benefit of service at less than the proper rate or charge are automatically to be charged with the standard rate" or something like that. You automatically go back to the regular rate rather than getting the adjustment because you are on a scheduling program. It would not provide a penalty but it would authorize the supplier or the rural electric, whoever it may be, to call the (inaudible) and, hey, you are back...you have broken your contract, you are back and we are going to charge you the regular rate. Could we provide language like that? Senator Beutler, I think I will ask you the question.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, will you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. (Interruption).

SENATOR CLARK: Will you respond to a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would but I wasn't listening. I didn't hear the question.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Beutler, I was about ready to support your amendment to strike the language. However, the person is in violation and he is not actually stealing the power as such but he is stealing it in that he is getting it at a lesser rate, so rather than striking that language, could we