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the ratchet up because when you hit the peak, hit the peak and then these power districts try to hold that ratchet down by putting a certain number of (interruption)...

SENATOR CLARK: You have about thirty seconds.

SENATOR KREMER: ...so I am in kind of a quandry here on what to do. Senator Johnson, would you respond?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: In answer to Senator Kremer, if this man intentionally and by design circumvents the lower rate by tampering with his controls, he is definitely committing a crime.

SENATOR KREMER: My point, Senator Johnson, is would it not be better to force him right back, he has broken his contract, and pay the regular rate rather than put them in jail?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I am sure that would be automatic under the terms of the contract I am discussing...

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, well, then is your amendment necessary, all these words in line 15 and 16 and 17?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson, will you speak into your microphone please so we can hear you?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I do feel that by his intent of securing the services of the decreased rate during times when by contract he has agreed not to use it, he has actually committed a crime.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fowler, do you wish to speak on the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, first let me say that I am amazed to hear there is crime in rural Nebraska. As an urban Senator it always seems that we are the ones accused of having crime and it is amazing now that there actually does seem to be some criminal activity outside of the urban areas but I would say that I think that lines 15 to 17, if nothing else, are ~~grammatically~~ placed in the wrong sentence. If you would read the amendment, there is really in Section 28-515 two sentences. The first sentence says, defines what is theft. It says, "A person commits theft if he or she obtains services which he or she knows are available for compensation, by deception or threat, or by false token or other means to avoid payment for the service." That is the end of one sentence, the definition of theft. Then the next one is the definition of services and this is