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operation. Due to the fact that in most states, in practically every other state except Nebraska, the rural electric are cooperatives themselves and we have, I think, about three of them in this state that are actually cooperatives. There is really no problem in those other states because it is simply...a good analogy I suppose would be to use Farmland Industries as a supply cooperative for the various coops within this state that use Farmland Industries as their supply cooperative. The same analogy could be used for the rural electric but since these rural electric power districts that we have in this state operate under a different set of rules than the cooperatives do, it needs this clarifying language in the statutes to allow them to work with their supply cooperatives. Now as I indicated, it is an issue of trying to get the rural electric power districts in this state to be able to have the same procedure that apply to the coops within this state. I might point out one other thing, this does not allow entities such as OPPD or MPPD to join in this cooperative since they themselves are not rural electric cooperatives. It has to be a rural electric cooperative or a rural electric association to be a member of this supply cooperative. With that explanation, Mr. President, I would move for the advancement of 644.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill. Senator Sieck, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wish to support the bill. I am familiar with the Resco organization because we have dealt with that organization in Seward County for many years and I feel it gives a chance for the public power district to build up an inventory of supplies so that the supplies will be available and I actually feel this is going to be a consumer bill, actually a savings to the consumers because in the cooperative enterprise here we can buy our supplies a lot more reasonable and I feel it is going to help us in the public power field and the rural constituents in the State of Nebraska. So I urge your support.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance LB 644. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Now before we proceed, Senator and Mrs. Kahle have several guests, Terry Johnson, Susan Dyer, Steve Kahle, Brian Wolford and Mike Crawford. They are Kearney High School students here to cheer the Kearney girls basketball team and Steve Kahle is a grandson of Senator and Mrs. Kahle and they were underneath the North balcony. Are you still