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Wesely has, are they something that was discussed?

SENATOR KREMER: The information I have, they were discussed.

SENATOR WAGNER: Okay.

SENATOR KREMER: But they did not agree upon them.

SENATOR WAGNER: All right.

SENATOR KREMER: They came in afterward.

SENATOR WAGNER: Okay, no. I guess that is really my question, is what did you essentially agree upon then, and was this a part of that package, you might say?

SENATOR KREMER: No, sir, the information I have the agreement was made on the amendment that I will offer.

SENATOR WAGNER: Okay. All right, thank you.

SENATOR SIECK: Thank you, Senator Wagner and Senator Kremer. Since there is no agreement in this particular area, why should we come up with an amendment of this type and let's consider the amendment that Senator Kremer has so that we can have something that was agreed by the different utilities. So I ask you to oppose the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Okay, any further discussion on the Wesely amendments? Senator Wesely, you may close.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think this is a bit ridiculous to talk about, well, if this isn't agreed to then we shouldn't do anything. Is this body able to stand on its own feet and decide what is right for the State of Nebraska or does everything that we do here have to be agreed upon outside of this Chamber? I think it doesn't have to be. I think if this amendment is right for the state, then we should consider it something that we ought to adopt as a policy for the State of Nebraska, and I think as far as whether or not the rurals agreed with these amendments, well that is a moot point really at this stage of the debate. The question that we have to decide is as representatives of the people of the state what is best for the state, and it seems to me quite clear that even though the rurals may not like the idea of having some accountability and may not like the restrictions that would be placed with