

these amendments, what's good for the goose is good for the gander, and what is attempted with these amendments is to put them into basically the same compliance that the munies had to go under when LB 132 passed last year. Well, that was all placed on the muny power pool by the rurals and that was maybe not agreed to by the municipal power pool. Well, at this time we are turning the tables a little bit and it is not agreed to by the rurals, but if it is good for the muny power pool it should be good for the rurals. And maybe the rurals don't like this for a number of different reasons. I know for a fact that they have a tendency when they take trips board members like to take their spouses along and that has been a concern of mine for some time. Perhaps that is one of the reasons they don't like the idea of accountability on these expenses that they have. Well, I think that is an improper practice and I think if people knew about it they would be upset. So I think we ought to let the people know about what is happening with expenses not only in the area of these individual boards but I think what we are talking about here with this newly created board there ought to be some restrictions. If there are problems, if there are concerns, as Senator Kremer talked about, we can always make adjustments for those, but what this amendment is basically is what is good for the goose is good for the gander amendment, pointing out the fact that previous legislation has called for these restrictions and if it was good in that case shouldn't it be good in this case for a similar type of an organization that we are forming under this legislation. Again, I would ask for your support. The two basic premises of these amendments are to hold accountable the board members on this joint financing board so that their expenses are accounted for and that secondly make it clear that Chapter 70 provisions would be applicable to this board so that they are obligated to follow the Power Review Board in the state in regulatory matters. I don't think that is unreasonable. I think it is fair. And whether the rural people like that or not, I don't think it is for us to decide. Our decision is whether it is good for the state and I ask that you support this because it is good for the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: The question is then the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 852. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.