

to rise and support this resolution. I think it's very important that we let our federal authorities know that electricity in Nebraska is very important. We use it for many reasons, and one of the main reasons is for the power of irrigation. We're going into a spring where we feel that we will be using a lot of electricity for our irrigation systems. And so I think we need to say we need electricity provided at a very nominal cost. And, of course, the more things that the power companies have to do to comply will increase the cost of electricity so I think it's very important that we send this resolution or pass this resolution and make our thoughts known. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please. We're looking, just a minute.

SENATOR ELMER: There, is that, am I on? Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. I think these kind of resolutions kind of...are very important. We have self-appointed experts that come into our state that point out courses of action that they feel are "good for Nebraska"; and we need people like ourselves who are leadership to stand up and say Nebraska has its own needs, its own internal affairs, and we need to get up and advocate what is good for Nebraska and point out some of the detrimental things that these so-called experts would have us do. I strongly support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Weihing, please.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support this; and I want to emphasize that we're not asking that we continue to dirty our air. It should be further emphasized that our power plants have been very clean compared to those in eastern part of the United States. The thing I note that one of the areas that is so concerned is the sulfur dioxide in which, rightly so, the officials do have concern with regard to the sulfur being harmful to the forests of eastern United States. The sulfur dioxide emissions in this area are considerably below and they've been below that which has been required. And to put on a reduction which is on a percentage basis is discriminatory with regards to the fine clean, relatively clean emissions that we've had in comparison to those of the eastern United States. Another thing with regards to sulfur, if we had a lot more sulfur on our soil, we wouldn't have some of the nutritional problems that we have in the