

Court is a good idea. Now, but as far as the issue as to the evidence that the court will make a decision upon, I think that that should be changed, and maybe we should write specifically in there that this person should be impartial, that person should not be receiving his paycheck from that department. Senator Dierks has raised the issue whether that goes to the actual solving of his problem. I am not sure that amendment would but I guess it is a step in the direction that he would like to see us go towards.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Anyone else wishing to discuss the amendment by Senator Dierks? Seeing no one, Senator Dierks, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, sir, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I appreciate the input that the members have had here today. A very simple amendment, I think, that says we are going to make everybody use the Administrative Procedures Act to do this appeal to the Supreme Court. I don't think that this particular project deserves a special fast track to any court proceeding. You know, we've had lots of arguments about this thing, and I have never talked to a citizen who wants this. The only people I know who want it are the lobby, the US Ecology, the compact, and the power companies. These are the ones that are lobbying for this. I don't know any citizens that want this. Nobody has told me that. I would think that we are making a special concession here that really shouldn't be made. I don't think it is in the best interest of Nebraska Supreme Court needs or Nebraska citizen needs. I'd just as soon that we voted this amendment and kept the thing the way it was originally written, that they would follow this thing through the Administrative Procedures Act. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard Senator Dierks closing on his amendment. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? You are voting on the Dierks amendment, have you all voted? Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: As far as I am concerned, you can record, Mr. Speaker. I think we know where the effort has been put and who has put it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Record, Mr. Clerk.