

or some other company, but would be an attractive rate to induce them to come into the state. I see nothing wrong with that whatsoever. We have many other bills that we passed that do have sunsets on them. Senator Wesely is one who talks about the sunsets many times and I think that's good, and so to look at a five-year period down here and say let's take another look at that. That's really all we're doing here and if everything is right, if we want to extend it at that time, that's fine, but at this point in time I would oppose Senator Hall's increasing that rate, or that amount of time to 15 years. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, Senator Jensen, I agree with you, I think sunsets are pretty. We might be talking about different types of sunsets, but I would also agree with your premise that when you run a power plant, if you can run it at optimum level, that's where you can provide the greatest amount of energy at the lowest available cost until you hit the point where the demand exceeds the output capabilities. And I don't know that these types of facilities will require additional plants to be built which would then mean additional costs and upkeep and maintenance and those kinds of things, but that's a consideration to take into mind when we deal with these kinds of things. But I don't disagree with the basic issue that you raise in terms of running those plants at an optimum level. Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, is it true that right now these boards of public utility districts can create separate classes where they could do what we're attempting to do in LB 828 and provide a reduced rate, if you will, for these kinds of...this, a separate or distinct class of users that we are putting into statute? Don't they have the ability to do that right now?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think, Senator, that they have fairly broad authority to do that. The classes then, once you create them and once you define their parameters, whatever rates you have established for that class you then have to give to everybody else in that class.

SENATOR HALL: Correct.