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fiduciary responsibility? They started out a little bit...I call it a little bit skeptical, because they continued to fund this thing when they knew, too, that it was not licensable. I visited the NPPD board of directors one time, at one of their meetings, and was asked to visit with them. Told them exactly that, that we're putting bad money...good money after bad. And I asked them as a ratepayer to stop. I said, I have tried numerous times to get this thing stopped and I was not able to, and they suggested to me, one of the board members, said, well, we've seen this thing tested in the Legislature, and we've always prevailed. So I told them point blank, I said, if you had put your money with me, instead of with the lobbyists you hired to make this happen, you wouldn't have prevailed and I would have won. So the lobby effort was bought and paid for, they hired the best lobbyists they could hire. This was something that was going to be put on the fast track. It didn't turn out so fast, but the reason it didn't is because the place was not licensable, and the citizens of Boyd County knew that, and they put out every effort they could to see that this didn't happen. I think it's arguable,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...I think it's arguable what is the responsibility, fiduciarily, of OPPD. I questioned their fiduciary responsibility to their citizens, I did from the very beginning and I still do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler, on AM1424 to LB 530.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator Dickey, welcome to the Legislature. (Laughter) This will be a good one for you. First of all, let me say on the matter before us that I cannot support the Matzke amendment, and I'm not sure in the end whether he intended us to support it or whether this was for the purpose of the discussion that we're getting into, which is good. But his amendment, if you read it, goes broadly to all lawsuits against all political sub...by all political subdivisions against the state, which is en...which encompasses, in my opinion, a whole bunch of possibilities that we should explore with a bill and a public hearing and all of our