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representing the public power interests, representing the private power interests. And I think that that broad-based advisory committee that was put in place of over 30 various interest people, including the League of Women Voters as one of those groups representing the public, had good input,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...made a very concerted effort to attend those monthly and more frequent meetings and the process, I believe, was served very well. I am pleased with the outcome. I want to particularly thank Senator Beutler for initiating and getting the process underway, for soliciting the requests for proposals, and then the subsequent awarding of a proposal to do the studying. I think that Scott Ridley did an exceptional job in putting everything together and Senator Schrock, who took over, kind of changing horses midstream, did a good job in following through. I think that the process is to be commended and I am certainly supportive of LB 901 and encourage your favorable vote on the bill. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to stand up and support LB 901. It's a follow-up of the LR 455 study and I think that was a really important study because we are a public power state and hopefully we can keep it monitored and be able to stay on top of it, because Nebraska tax...electric rates are among the lowest in the nation. So hopefully we can do something to keep that and not lose that. Something else I think we want to really watch too, if...cherry-picking must be avoided and I think that that's another plus. I was sure glad to see that the Power Review Board got this authority to do that and the marketing and other changes should be monitored and they've got that power, and also they've got the power to report back to the Unicameral and the Governor each year to let us know how things are going. And I think that's really important that we got this bill on the agenda because I was concerned that we might not get it passed this year, but we really needed to get it moving. They talked about the compensation just a little bit on...in LB 901. I've got a person up in my area that is on the NPP board and he tells