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right way to go, this is the thing to do, if they decide this is what they want to do. And it hasn't been, obviously, determined yet, but it appears that this is what will happen if we can get this bill passed. It could happen, perhaps, anyway, but there's that uncertainty out there that they're not sure about. So I would ask for your support for this piece of legislation, and for you to vote green on this and move the bill ahead. With that, thank you for your time. And if there are any questions, Senator Schrock or myself will be here to answer those. I did send out a...some material for you to look at. I think it's important that you read it. It basically explains what we've been telling you about the plant, in pretty plain language, and about the problems that have been down there, and basically why the problems have been there, and why we think this could make a big change in the future of producing electricity in Nebraska. And with that, I will close and turn my time back to the Chair. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska and Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on LB 165, offered by the Natural Resources Committee and Chairman Schrock. Mr. Clerk, items for the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would move to amend with AM0561. (Legislative Journal page 675.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on your AM0561 to LB 165.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, AM0561 is LB 254, which was brought to us by Senator Landis. Last year it was LB 1267, as amended. In both cases, the bill advanced to the floor with a unanimous vote. LB 254 deals with the shipment of nuclear waste across the state of Nebraska. Under LB 254, the fee would be \$2,000 per cask until January 1, 2005. And we anticipate more nuclear waste being shipped across the state of Nebraska with the opening of Yucca Mountain in Nevada. There will be shipments of this nuclear waste. Beginning on January 1, 2005, the fee shall be established by the Department of Health and Human Service Regulation and Licensure. The fee must be paid in advance by those people who