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words known as MEAN, is the only such power agency created under the act, and has successfully operated for 22 years. It is timely and necessary to review the act and make the following clean-up provisions. This is a clean-up bill. LB 29 eliminates obsolete language regarding the eligibility for membership, which required load information on power suppliers for five years, calendar years, preceding May 1, 1981. This 27-year look back is no longer necessary or appropriate or relevant. It is difficult to determine the loads of 27 years ago and brings no new information to the Nebraska Power Review Board. LB 29 allows the Nebraska Power Review Board discretion, after notice to interested parties, to hold a hearing when an agency under the act wishes to amend its petition for creation. LB 29 saves time and money. LB 29 extends the time in which the agency's board has to review expenditures from two months to the next regular meeting. For example, the MEAN board meets quarterly, so it is impossible sometimes for them to examine expenditures from the prior two months, and it would not always be the case that the board examined expenditures every two months. However, the board always receives monthly financial statements. So it eliminates that requirement that they review expenditures from two months to the next regular meeting, which is impossible to do when they meet quarterly. This bill passed unanimously; had a good hearing. If you have any questions, I will try and answer it. It is mainly clarifying language and cleaning up obsolete language. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on AM0562, offered by Senator Schrock to LB 165. Open for discussion. Senator Preister, did you wish to speak to the AM? He waives the opportunity. There are no further lights on, Senator. Senator Hartnett, you did not wish to speak to the AM, did you? No. Senator Schrock, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close on your amendment? He waives the opportunity. Question for the body is adoption of AM0562 to LB 165. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The motion before us is adoption of AM0562, offered by Senator Schrock to LB 165. Has everybody voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.