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SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. Senator Vrtiska, I might be able to help you, because I have the November board meeting minutes and also the December board meeting minutes where those votes were taken. It was moved by Director Johnson,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...and I'll read from the transcript of the board meeting, moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Thompson that the foregoing motion be amended by eliminating item number three, and item number three is authorizing management to file an application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for transfer of the Cooper Nuclear Station operating license to NMC. So they're trying to not do that. And on that vote, the motion was made and then there was a vote taken, and it was a split vote. Five of the board members said this is the wrong thing to do, and five of the board members were willing to go along with it, a split vote. Half the board members wanted this taken out of their resolution. They did not want to grant that authority over to an out-of-state company.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Preister. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Brashear, followed by Senators Jones, Schrock, Bromm, and Preister.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, although I'm following after my good colleague Senator Preister, I don't want to be put in the classification of, or in the group of, saying this is a bad bill. I'm not that far along in my thinking. And I don't know whether it's a term of art or one I've just coined in my head, but I call this, what I want to do is worry the bill a little bit, muse out loud. When I read this, it seems innocuous enough. And I, you know, I understand this is for Nebraska public power, and what's good for Nebraska public power may be good for Nebraska, but that isn't how it's written. It's a public power district or a public power and irrigation district. So what's good for the goose is good for the gander, and it's not going to apply to just one such entity. It's going to apply to them all. And it says any of those such entities may indemnify a public or private. Well, the material I've got on my desk tells me that this is about Nebraska public