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strong support of this bill and I think e should move it on forward. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, listening to the discussion today and I've familiarized myself to a certain extent on what's being done here. I believe that when the time comes when you have a problem, whether it's in private business or working with a public entity like we're working with now, there comes a time when, when you need expertise in that situation, you look for someone to help you with that. That doesn't mean if I would hire someone in my business to come in and help me try to set up a new program or something like that and something went wrong, it wouldn't be that person who I invited in or hired to help me in that area. Bottom line would be that I would still be liable. Now I'm just looking...and if I'm wrong I wish someone would correct me, but we are the public. The state is the public. That is our business. But if we hire someone that does make a mistake or has some liability occur there, then I think it should be the public that is responsible for that for maybe a bad decision on who we hire. Now I haven't got into this conversation that much, but just sitting and listening, that it seems to me, like where we're at right now, we would be responsible or that public utility would be responsible. So, anyway, I'm going to continue to listen to the debate, but I believe I am understanding it more now and I think that I can probably support this bill unless something else happens here that I'm unaware of. But I'm following Senator Vrtiska along this line and I'm sure that he'll lead me in the right direction. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, I am just starting to read the materials on this particular issue so I'm in the questioning stage too, Senator Schrock. But let me say by way of preface that this really is a sad, sad day in