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much too shocking, but if we did we could net 3-4 billion dollars and we could put that in a trust fund and we could use that for economic development and job creation all across the state. And I know that bond experts will tell you there's a problem with how we would eliminate the public indebtedness, but where there is a will there is a way. Now I understand we don't have the will...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...so we won't go there, but it just seemed to me, in the middle of this discussion, that none of you would mind, I hope, too terribly if I put a little push behind that idea again, because I've been throwing it out there like a crazy man for years. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Speaker Bromm and members of the body. Just in listening to some of the conversations that have been going on this morning, it raised a few questions in my mind, particularly when Senator Schrock said that it would be best if we basically "outsource" the management of the Cooper plant to, I think he said, a professional organization who could do a better job, apparently, than NPPD could do itself. And that raises a question in my mind as to whether NPPD can manage its own assets. That makes me wonder that and so I'll just throw that out there, just kind of a hanging question. It also makes me wonder, if we have to contract with an outside organization or an outside company, are there other options available. Were there other options available to NPPD besides contracting with this one private company? That's a question that I have. And I guess I am reliably informed that NPPD did enter into negotiations with OPPD about coming together with some kind of a partnership to manage their nuclear assets, and I also understand that it was NPPD that broke off those negotiations. They broke off those negotiations with another public subdivision of the state of Nebraska, and my question is, why? My second question is, aren't there other options that we could do that wouldn't cause the state of Nebraska to take on legal liability for indemnifying an outside private company?