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And so I'll leave that. I don't know if Senator Schrock or Senator Vrtiska could help me out with those questions. Again, what they are is, is don't we have some other options other than what we have before us here today? Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Mr. Clerk, do you have an item on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill. (FA1191, Legislative Journal page 754.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, I'd be the first to admit that I haven't had an opportunity to look deeply into this bill, and more and more questions are coming up and, to be honest with you, I'm filing the amendment so the bill doesn't move this morning and we have a little chance to talk about this, hopefully. Let me ask you, Senator Schrock, if I might, usually as a matter of common business practice, and the relationship of the law to business practice, you never want to separate the responsibility for the operation of a particular facility or industry or business from the responsibility for negligence or things that go wrong, whether it's negligence or misconduct, that sort of thing. And there's an understandable logic to that. You're going to be more careful if you're the one that has to pay the costs of your negligence. In this instance, why are we separating the negligence from the control?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I understand it's that way with all the contracts this management company has with the other power plants it operates.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Is this...who are the owners of this management company?

SENATOR SCHROCK: It's a consortium. It's a group of...it was a...it's a group that got together for the purpose of managing nuclear plants.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it a consortium of private utility