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worked for a company that had cause to sue NPPD for overcharging us and we were in court for over seven years and we finally reached a settlement with them, and we were compensated for that overcharging and a new formula was set up, and the settlement to us was in the nature of millions of dollars. And every minute of that seven years we had the lowest cost for electricity in our system and for any steel mill in the United States. So much for the overall efficiency of NPPD. I think they've done a very, very good job. Now can they do a better job at Cooper? Evidently they can. Is this the way to go about it? I don't know anything about running a power station, especially a nuclear power station, and probably not too many people here do, but lacking that expertise myself, I'd go find somebody that has it, and these people evidently do. They said, well, we don't want the liability for negligence, the same liability in greater degree than NPPD has now. That makes a great deal of sense to me. I don't think we're talking about reinventing the wheel here. We're talking about the better operation of a state asset. Now do we have liability now for negligence? Yes, we do. If these people are as good as they are touted to be, we would be liable for...less liable for negligence and the liability thereof than we are at the present time. I don't think that's rocket science. I think that's just commonsense. And because it is, I'm going to support this bill and I urge that all of you do that also. Balance of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, the issue here is indemnification. We are indemnifying an out of this state company to operate a power plant in Nebraska against any negligence that they might do, and in doing that, and when this contract is signed, the license, and this is a real important issue that hasn't really been discussed, the license will no longer be in the name of Nebraska Public Power District. The license then is transferred. The license will be in the name of NMC. They have control of the license. In effect, they have control of the power plant. They operate it. How they do it, maybe they can do a better job than what Nebraska Public Power District is doing. I'm not questioning