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question from Senator Preister?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Yes, I would.

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Quandahl, the question that I just posed to Senator Vrtiska was, to your knowledge, do you know if OPPD and NPPD have entered into discussions on sharing responsibilities or joint operations or some collaboration and, if so, what is your awareness of what took place?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Yeah, it's my understanding that there were some discussions that were going on between the two, just because...and I guess I know it more from the OPPD side than the NPPD side, because there was a thought that, well, they're the two public power entities in the state of Nebraska. OPPD is running the nuclear facility up at Fort Calhoun, and that there was thought to be some sort of economy if they could get together on some sort of a joint...either an interlocal or some sort of a cooperative agreement to jointly manage the nuclear facilities in the state of Nebraska. But just like Senator Vrtiska said, it's my understanding that those talks never came to fruition. But I guess my question is, is that if we do have that capability here in the state of Nebraska, I would like to see our public entities try to work out their differences to try to get something together. So that's my knowledge of what went on, and I could be straightened out as to the facts, but that's my general knowledge.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. And if anyone else does have knowledge specific about those talks...because I would agree, I think it is important and if we do have the ability here in the state, to me, that's the first area that we look. That's the first place that we go for the operation expertise, the management skills, and the ability to keep public power as public power. And we're looking at a very major decision.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: I may not have time to go into it, but Senator Schrock said that he thought maybe on salary decisions