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it took a two-thirds vote. I posed the question to this body, which do you think is more important? Is it more important to have a vote on board members' salary, or is it more important of a vote that we transfer a license to somebody outside of the state? This, in effect, will transfer the operating license of this nuclear power plant to someone outside of the state, to a limited liability corporation that is not even housed in Nebraska. That's a major policy decision and I'm hearing people say that that's not as important as a pay raise for a board member? I think there are probably other votes that require a two-thirds majority vote of the board. I don't know of one that would be as important as transferring a license, a nuclear...license to operate a nuclear power plant.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Stuhr, followed by Senators Quandahl and Vrtiska.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, am a member of the Natural Resources Committee and I felt very comfortable with the amendments that were passed out of committee and also that...the bill that we actually moved forward to Select File, so I do rise in opposition to Senator Preister's amendment. I, too, have a problem with the two-thirds, requiring a two-thirds majority. I think that's rather inappropriate. Discussing just whether we should be having and using a management company, I think the simple majority is really what is needed in that case. But I did want to just talk a little bit on the Nuclear Management Company. I think I...we can relate that very much to having crop consultants that we now use in our agricultural production. And yesterday there was an article in the paper saying more farmers look to crop advisors for help. When the program began, in 1993, there were 83 certified advisors in the state. Ten years later that number has grown to 827 and it's all because of technology. This is what we're looking at in the nuclear industry--increased technical...it's a very...there is very much more technology involved and it is very technical, much as we're