SENATOR STUHR: And you... thank you. Thank you.

SENATOR PREISTER: You're welcome.

SENATOR STUHR: Because I am really unclear. I know that they come in and they help to look at the problems that a plant might have, and how long that might take I'm sure varies with the difficulty of the situation when they came in to try to improve it. I, again, I believe that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...the goal of NPPD is to actually have higher performance and I think that the amendment that we have previously passed in the bill certainly takes care of that situation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the body, I'm a little bit torn about Senator Preister's amendment. Actually, I probably am inclined to support Senator Preister's amendment for a couple of different reasons, but not the least of which, just like what he said was, is that this is a major policy shift for us here in the state of Nebraska. The bill basically acknowledges that one of our public power entities in the state is unable to manage its assets in-house and as a part of its own workings, and so has to go outside for that expertise. Senator Stuhr, rightly, pointed out that in other industries that sometimes you have to go outside for some outside expertise. She mentioned crop consultants, but in this particular instance, we're not dealing with crops. We are not dealing with a rather benign product. We're dealing with nuclear energy. We're dealing with a nuclear power plant, and so that is why I would be inclined to support a proposal such as Senator Preister's on this. In addition, I need to remind the body that we did just adopt Senator Beutler's amendment to this particular bill, and one part of that amendment also extended the protections of the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Tort