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Claims Act to this private outside entity. So we're going to treat it the same as our own municipal subdivisions, give it the same limited liability protections that we do under our own law. And so because of that and also because of my understanding that there were some talks in the works between the two public power entities in the state to try to come to some agreement for a joint, for a cooperative management of the nuclear power plant assets in the state of Nebraska, I think that that should be an avenue that is explored. And so that's why I'm inclined to rise to support an amendment such as Senator Preister's. Now Senator Preister had a little bit more to say, so I would grant him the remainder of my time, if he wishes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, you have about two and a half minutes, if you care to use them.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Quandahl, not only for yielding the time but also taking the time to look at what we're doing. I think everyone here is well intended, but I think we're taking the path of least resistance. We have been told by the management of Nebraska Public Power District that this is the best way to go. I don't know that enough options have been explored. I don't know if enough negotiations have been undertaken with OPPD. I don't know if we have looked carefully enough at what we could do other than indemnification. Senator Quandahl is absolutely right, to take the State Tort Claims Act and to disregard it in this arena is much different than as Senator Stuhr and earlier we heard another example about crop protection. Crop protection, you've got a recourse. If you hire a consultant with your crops, you can sue them if they don't do things right. We're exempting these people. We're indemnifying them against their own...well, I better be careful. We've got an amendment now, but we're indemnifying them against their own actions. Their actions would be totally different. That kind of indemnification is a very serious step, and all I'm saying is that at least before making that determination, the board should take a two-thirds member vote. It's not uncommon for them to take a two-thirds majority vote on budget issues.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.