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new management team. That has to be approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I don't think the Nuclear Regulatory Commission would approve to have a company run a nuclear plant in the state of Nebraska if they weren't qualified, if they weren't up to the standards met by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. So there is a safeguard, if that's what you're looking for. NPPD can vote tomorrow, or can vote, if this bill passes, I guess, to transfer the management of the Cooper Plant to this Nuclear Management Company, but it has to be approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and I don't think they would approve transfer of that management to another entity unless that entity was very well licensed in handling that type of activity. So one more reason to vote against the Preister amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock and Senator Raikes. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I'd call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate be ceased on AM1151, offered by Senator Preister? All in favor...Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: (Microphone malfunction)...we've had only a handful of speakers even speak. We've had very little debate. I think on an issue this important, I think we need a full and fair debate and should not just end the dialogue on one amendment that quickly.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, I am going to rule that there has been a full and fair debate. I think there's been about 12 or 13 people speak. There are only two lights on, so I think I will rule that...I am ruling that there's been a full and fair debate. I'll leave the body decide whether there has been. So the question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM1151, offered by Senator Preister to LB 165? All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, and opposed nay. The question is, shall debate cease on the Preister amendment, AM1151, to LB 165?