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contested.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, on this bill I'm going to trust you, but if I develop any questions, then I will ask you at a future date. That's all I would have, and thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock, yours is the only light. You can either speak, or you may close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I pressed my light in case Senator Chambers needed any more discussion time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Need any more, Senator Chambers? You're recognized to close, if you care to.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Members of the body, I think this is a good piece of legislation. Keep in mind we don't have laws prohibiting this, and so Dillon's law rules here, and so we need to have legislation that would permit it. This is specifically being passed so that OPPD can build a rather large project at Nebraska City. It will approximately increase OPPD's generating capacity by about 10 percent to meet future energy needs of the state of Nebraska, electric needs. And of course, building a 600-megawatt plant is a lot cheaper than building a 300 one. I know that the participants are very willing participants and feel like, by cost sharing this way, they can all make electricity more affordable for us in the state. So with that, I would close on this amendment, and then we can discuss the bill, if necessary.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments offered by the Natural Resources Committee to LB 969. All in favor of the committee amendments vote aye, those opposed nay. Voting on adoption of the committee amendments, offered by the Natural Resources Committee to LB 969. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee