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discussion. Senator Louden, followed by Senators Redfield, Kremer, Burling, Beutler, Price, and eight others. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I can't support this amendment of Senator Beutler's for tying this bill onto the electrical business. First of all, you'd have surcharges for all the subscribers. And when you talk about subscribers, or low-income, then somebody has to decide that. And that puts added bookkeeping onto the electrical companies that distribute their power. And then where do you take care of the industrial subscribers? When you put 5 percent on it, there's some of them that will be writing some mighty big checks. The generation plants, should you put the surcharge just on the generation plants? Perhaps we should put a charge on the electricity that's exported out of Nebraska from some of these huge generating plants that are going on here. There's a certain amount of power that's generated and goes into Iowa and on up into Minnesota. And then first...then my last question would be, is, why put it on electricity? This low-level nuclear waste wasn't about electricity; it was about low-level nuclear waste. Those are people either from the medical professions, and from other professions that are generating that waste. So why not have the charge go to that direction of the industry, rather than laying it on the electrical industry? And as Senator Baker has said, we've lived with a lot worse things than low-level waste out in western Nebraska. For years, we were on the front lines. In the Cold War, we were sitting around with missile silos all over the place, and everyone knew out there that if there ever was any kind of a war, nuclear war, we'd be the first ones hit, because that's where the majority of the retaliatory missiles were located, was in eastern Wyoming and western Nebraska. So this isn't something that everybody has to cringe about every night. And with the low-level system that they use now, you're storing more concrete and barrels than you are material. So I think there's other ways to fund this thing. I'm...I think Senator Chambers, with his dissertation there, has probably summed it up as good as any. I think there's either...whether we go into some type of a sales tax or an income tax. And I'd certainly support some of the amendments that's coming up