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SENATOR CUDABACK: You're welcome.

SENATOR PREISTER: My point, again, is that we need to limit the amount of pollutants in the air, as opposed to putting caps on what it's going to cost the polluters; and that this does shift the cost, not between utilities, but to other emitters; and we need to do more with renewable energy. We have much greater capacity. We need more emphasis. We need more renewable energies. They're never going to make up the total amount of generating capacity. But we should be able to get up to 10 percent at least, not under 1 percent. I think that's unfortunate that that's all we're doing in the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. On with discussion. There are no further lights on. Anybody else wishing to address the advancement of LB 94? Seeing none, Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. You know, Senator Preister and I have been to a lot of meetings on wind generation and so on, so forth. Yes, we need to do more to using those types of machinery to generate electricity. We need to get away from the coal-fired plants. That's not what this bill is about. This bill is about an inequity that was brought against the city of Fremont. This clarifies the language, so that they...they are under the cap, and makes that plant that produces a lot of energy for the city of Fremont, fall in with the other local municipal power plants that are in the state. With that, I ask for your support in the...move this on to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. The question before the body is, shall LB 94 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 94. Have you all voted on the question who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 94.