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SENATOR BURLING: Okay, thank you. Is Senator Brashear available?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: I will, Mr. President.

SENATOR BURLING: Did you hear my question to Mr. Baker?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: I did not, Senator Burling; I'm sorry.

SENATOR BURLING: The amendments that have been put on the bill, the last time we discussed it on the floor, have they taken away the opposition of the power companies to this green copy, as it was heard in committee?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: I don't know as I can tell you it has taken away the opposition, but I'm saying it is a consensus work product of multiple people. I read those on General File. I'll give you a list. I won't encumber the record with it again. Lots and lots of people have participated. I have had the conversations that I committed to on General File with Senator Connealy, with Senator Chambers. I've mentioned it with Senator Beutler. He'll speak for himself. He's in the queue. I've talked to Senator Raikes, Senator Schrock. I believe we've put the bill in as good a shape as we can, eliminating people's specific objections, and that's as responsive as I can be. I'm not going to tell you that OPPL and NPPD are enthusiastically publicly supporting the bill. But you'll have to measure for yourself. Are they opposing it?

SENATOR BURLING: Not that I know of, but...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: That's my point.

SENATOR BURLING: Another question. Is there a cost estimate on the task force?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: The funding will come from the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, and I don't have a specific