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have the ability to use this. But I think NPPD and OPPD would be the main beneficiaries of this. And you know, as a farmer, the electric power has become very important to us. Electricity is now the power of choice for powering irrigation wells, because it is more reasonable. It creates some interesting dynamics, because they don't want to provide power to you in the middle of the daytime when it's 110 degrees out. The air conditioners compete with our electric motors and our irrigation wells. So they want us to irrigate at night. And interestingly enough, irrigation is more efficient at night, because you don't have as much evaporation. So I have an interest in this bill, because although we have a mix of power for our irrigation wells, irrigation...or, electricity is our major source of power for using...for our irrigation wells. And so this could affect me down the road and what I pay for my power. I would say it probably won't be a significant effect, but it could affect what's going on. And so I think rural Nebraska has a big interest in this. This just isn't an OPPD bill. This is an NPPD bill, this is a bill for all the citizens of this state. And I appreciate your interest, and I thought I'd respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Seeing no more lights on, senators wishing to speak, Senator Chambers, you're recognize to close on FA352.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I began, when I ran out of time the last instance when I spoke, to talk about where I feel OPPD was absolutely wrong, their leaders. But this is a situation where I have to give credit to a man who would be called a lobbyist, Tom Richards. I talked to Tom about how offended I was at what OPPD, and he arranged to have some of the top dogs from OPPD meet me in my office, and we talked our way through it. And I condemned them harshly. What they did was went along, without challenging it, with the police getting employee information on black employees at OPPD. And OPPD did not challenge it. What their house counsel told me, well, they told us that if we don't give them this information, they'll back a truck up to the office, they'll take our hard drives, our software, all of our file cabinets. I said, man, one of us is a fool. Do you think that if they pulled a truck up to OPPD to do that, somebody wouldn't call Mayor Fahey and