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auspices of OPPD and others with whom they're working that Senator Bourne is privy to. When he simply stands on the floor and makes laudatory comments about OPPD, somebody might look at him and say, is this Abramoff Junior in operation here? I assure you, it's not. Somebody is going to give Senator Bourne a thousand dollars, let alone hundreds of thousands of dollars, to say what he said about OPPD? No. You don't bribe members of the Nebraska Legislature with hundreds of dollars. A neck bone sandwich, right, or a meat loaf sandwich and a chicken dinner, and they are so grateful, they feel obligated, they got to do what the lobbyist wants. So why is a lobbyist going to spend more money than is necessary? But really, I'm not suggesting anybody is corrupt. The point I wanted to make, and I'm not going to go into them, Senator Bourne is aware of some programs that OPPD is involved in that really are benefiting people who don't have a lot of money, who need assistance, and whose houses may be firetraps, so he neglected to lay out the facts that provide the foundation for his laudatory remarks. But even with those programs, I think he went a little over the top in praising OPPD. I'd like to ask Senator Bourne a question, if I may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you yield?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bourne, would you repeat what you said about OPPD earlier (laugh), if you remember?

SENATOR BOURNE: Which comment? I made...I made numerous comments. Which one were you referring to, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that...the second one.

SENATOR BOURNE: (Laugh) That it's a good organization?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That wasn't all you said. You don't remember what you said?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.