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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Am. Thank you, Senator Chambers, for the opportunity. Some time ago there was a tragic house fire in Omaha and the reason that the fire happened was these individuals in the house were using candles and other means to have light and keep warm. The power had been turned off at that house because there was problems with the electrical panel, meaning it was unsafe to supply electricity to the house, and there was a tragic situation that happened there. I participated in a series of meetings this past summer initiated by the Omaha Public Power District, and they're...and they brought community leaders, activists, just all sorts of individuals, Salvation Army, just all sorts of groups that might provide assistance to people to try to brainstorm and figure out how to resolve a situation like this. They can't restore the power because the home is unsafe, so what do you do? And what OPPD did was they entered into an agreement with tradesmen and women that, even if it's a rental house, they will go out, these electricians and other type of trades individuals, they will repair what needs to be repaired so that OPPD can restore the power so a situation like that doesn't happen again. And earlier, when I praised OPPD, my point is, is that it seems to me there are very few entities that do progressive things like that and I think they should be commended and acknowledged, and even though they...I don't think that ever made the newspaper, they didn't make an issue out of it. But they were proactive in how to resolve this type of situation. They worked collaboratively with the community. They came up with a solution to solve the problem. They'll come in there, they'll repair, even if they're rental houses, so you could argue that the landlords are getting a benefit. But ultimately, and OPPD recognized this, the tenant, the individual who couldn't otherwise pay for those repairs, benefits; makes a good situation out of a bad one. And they should be commended for it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, 2 minutes left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm glad that Senator Bourne was willing to give that