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we do to lower the cost of energy so that the poor, the elderly, the handicapped can afford to pay their energy bills and we will be appropriating energy assistance money and try to assist. We find ourselves in an unusual situation. Nebraska has opposed the State of South Dakota's sale of water. We have thereby prevented the utilization of that water for the transshipment of coal through a line to Arkansas so the Arkansas users of power are going to have to pay more for their coal. So South Dakota retaliates and I can understand that situation up there. They say, well, then we will not let you build a line across the State of South Dakota. We raised the price of coal to the people in Arkansas by our action. South Dakota raised the price of electrical energy here to us in Nebraska. I will ask you how long you want to keep that kind of a process in motion. I think it is ridiculous. I agree with Senator Chambers, it is unfortunate that I have to introduce this kind of a bill. I think the action by the Attorney General was wrong and I have done everything I can to encourage them to terminate that action and this bill is one of those processes. I think if we do not terminate that action, we are going to be very sorry for it very soon. The State of South Dakota has tried to work with us. Their Legislature has been elected just like we are. There are many people in South Dakota that are very upset about what we have done and I think that this Legislature has the opportunity by the passage of this bill to go on record to allow the elected officials in this state who are in a position to do so to know how we feel about that lawsuit. The Public Works Committee has held hearings across the entire State of Nebraska. We find no sympathy for the lawsuit, no sympathy. I would hope, ladies and gentlemen, I know we are out of time today, but I would hope that you would look at this bill very seriously and prior to the time that it comes up again consider passage on to Select File. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time has run out on the bill and it will remain in its present status when we take it up again. And it is a priority bill, I understand, so probably will be heard some more. Now we will move on. Senator Chambers.