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and as a result of Mr. ??? his emphasis on the Omaha Public Power District is estimated and an estimate is only what it says. Nobody knows for sure what will be saved the people of Omaha. \$15,000,000.00, probably. It was proven in the records of the Omaha Public Power District Mr. Kiewitt was shocked, himself and members of his staff went to the Board of Directors and told them to disregard the contract he had which is a fixed contract making cost plus and they did it. Contrary to the recommendation of the law and all their attorneys, this man stayed. And I have no more respect for him than I have for a common thief. One you know and the other you don't. That's harsh language and that's the way I want it to be. Senator Chambers' is immaterial in this issue. This won't solve the problem but it might help. This is not a problem of whether Senator Chambers is black or white, whether he is right or wrong. That has nothing to do with it. What I said cannot be denied. It's a matter of record. You do not have home rule in Omaha, You've never had it for a long, long time and you never will have it until you put some opposition in the Omaha City Council that can speak for themselves. They may not do it but they can. In the manure plant in South Omaha, you can't even get information out of the city council and the plant not only stinks but those that have been trusted the records stink. That's all I have, except obviously I am opposing the motion to kill.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Dickinson, then Senator Anderson, then Senator Skarda, then Senator Goodrich. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't want to take very much time. It seems that every Omaha senator, all most at least, has felt compelled to give us some oratory this morning and I might add I haven't heard so much great oratory in one short time in all my life, I don't believe and I say this with all seriousness. My name has been mentioned a couple of times and as some of you may or may not, all of you may not know, I do represent the area formerly known as Millard. I am sure you Senators who have been here a few years are quite familiar with this as you have heard the name and some of their problems kicked around for a long time and I do mean, literally, kicked around. At least that is their sincere feeling that they have been kicked around. I know that there are many valid arguments. Most of them have been expressed this morning on both sides of this question. I simply want to say that I, as a representative of Millard, am feeling that this should be an outstanding example of why areas or districts should have specific representation. I am opposed to the kill motion and, obviously, I am in favor of Senator Chambers bill and Senator Chambers' name has been referred to in various ways. I have not known Senator Chambers long enough to know whether he is my friend or whether I am his. I think it takes a little longer acquaintance to come to this decision. I don't think the bill should be debated around black or white or who introduced the bill. It should stand or fall on its merits. Again, I oppose the kill motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Anderson. We are still speaking on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 12.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to make one brief point that I think has been alluded to several times this morning but has not yet been precisely stated. As an out state senator, I am very sensitive to the suggestion that has been made that we as a legislative body are meddling in Omaha's affairs, that we are violating the home rule charter and so on. I think there is another thing we need to consider and this is that the Legislature, this body here, is the supreme lawmaking, the supreme policy making body in the state of Nebraska. It is not our function