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This is my own thinking. I think I know something about what you're getting into and I think some of you are going to rue the day that you rushed into something that you weren't fully informed of and you wouldn't take the time to fully study anything as important as this. I move the question.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB656 be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. The motion is to indefinitely postpone the bill. Let's make it clear to the Body so that the Chair is in a position of having not announced to you a simple majority is all it takes under the rules of the Nebraska Legislature to indefinitely postpone a bill on General File. Now, have you all voted? Motion is to indefinitely postpone. The Chair is asking if you have all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 24 nays.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The motion is lost. Now, Senator Goodrich, back to you.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I move we advance the bill to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: All right now, is there further discussion of the bill? Question is, shall LB656 then be advanced from General File.....Senator Nore, for what purpose do you rise, Senator?

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I don't want to....

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore has the floor.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members, I don't want to take up too much of you time but I have been around here ten years and my first year here, we did have what we call a sort of bush fires going on in public power. We're spending thousands and millions of dollars in lobbyists and attorneys and lawsuits and it is a terrible situation. Now, we're heading right back into the same old situation. I think Senator Stahmer has a real good idea. We should have a study committee as we had here a couple of years ago. Senator Carpenter was the chairman of it. He did a good job. We should have a thorough study committee, a thorough study by study committee on public power. And all the energies can then come forth and we come to some practical solutions. This is going to end up with a civil war in the power business and I'd like to be a power attorney.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB656, Senator Schmit, your light is still on. Does that indicate that you want to discuss the bill? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd just like to say this, Mr. President. Senator Nore has put his finger on the crux of the issue. If you think that the passage of this bill with the amendment as adopted is going to solve the problem, you're mistaken. It is not going to solve the problem. It is going to open it up. You're going to have problems that you haven't dreamed of and I would suggest...I understand Senator Proud perfectly. If you have the votes, I congratulate him but I would suggest also that the time will come when you're going to realize that the mistake has been made. And I would hope as the bill moves and it probably will that you think and think long and hard about this because if you do not, you're going to put