

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, to the Fowler amendment, I rise to support the Fowler amendment. A lot of people know that I have been very concerned about how we handle munies and what authority they ought to have. The first thing I think the bill says, and I certainly agree with it, that any new facilities must be before the Power Review Board. I was enamored by the amendment Senator Lamb has, but I agreed not to talk about it now, but any contract which has been approved, the cancellation must be approved by the Power Review Board too. Now that might save substantial number of dollars, but I don't want to enter that issue in here because it would lead to discussion of ineptness, and I don't think that's part of today's agenda. But there are two things about what Senator Fowler is saying, and I think there has to be a reasonable compromise, Senator Kelly, on the issue. As you know, we have 223 up to make certain that territorial rights are protected for the rules. Now that's my bill and I fully anticipate voluminous support for it. I think the Fowler amendment complements that in some way in terms of a compromise, saying let's not have any new facilities without approval of the Power Review Board. If it's simply a matter of replacement, if it's simply a matter of replacement on site, I think it's reasonable in terms of having that kind of an amendment. I think Senator Kremer has done an excellent job in finessing the power bills in terms of bringing to some solutions, and I think 119, 223, and I think there's probably one or two others coming, Senator Kremer, particularly I understand they're coming if the industry doesn't get together, I have got your message loud and clear that there will be some direction for them, so I want that a part of the record today too. So I'd say that the Fowler amendment is reasonable, it moves us in the right direction in terms of new facilities, and number two, I think if we dovetailed into 119 with 223, I think we've got a reasonable package in terms, at least this first issue, regarding the power industry. I disagree with my usually reliable friend, Senator Cullan, who certainly is going to work with me on 223 down the road here in about five minutes, I hope, but I think the Fowler amendment should be adopted, and then move the bill forward.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George. Those of you who are through speaking, if you please will turn your lights off it will help up here to direct the traffic.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I just want to remind you that you might as well all vote for the Fowler amendment, because the debate here is an exercise of