

what you want. It isn't that you want to stop Hemingford from building and putting in a generator, it's that you want to be sure that there's coordination, and the only way you're going to have trouble with that is for the munies to be able to wholesale, and this amendment will stop that. You'll be voting against your own best self-interests when you vote against this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You've got one minute.

SENATOR KELLY: This is true basically with everybody in this Legislature. This is a continuation of muny operation as we have known it in the past. Without this amendment, you'll just squeeze off immediately. Instead of letting the munies die by attrition, you're going to strangle them to death right away with LB 119. Put this amendment on the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak before Senator Fowler closes?

SENATOR VICKERS: Just briefly, Mr. President, I'd just like to remind Senator Kelly that he says 25 megawatts isn't a generating facility, 25 megawatts would light you up pretty good, Senator Kelly. There's a lot of electricity in that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler, I recognize you to close on your amendment.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. I appreciate the support of Senator Clark and Senator Kremer, and Senator Kelly and Senator Lewis. It is a compromise. The bill as it originally came in, was to completely close an exclusion for the municipalities, force them to go to the Power Review Board for every single new megawatt and generator, or kilowatt or, I don't know what's smaller than a kilowatt, but whatever...watt, I guess...a watt...every new watt of power. Some people felt that went too far, and so we have, as Senator Vickers said, taken a certain step back and we're allowing an exclusion, but a very narrow exclusion, and one that basically I'm comfortable with, and it is that there are three conditions which have to be met, otherwise that plant goes to the Power Review Board. The first is that it's only replacing existing capacity. It's not providing for growth. It's not providing for any sort of new capacity. It's only replacing existing capacity. The second, is that it has to be a plant smaller than 25 megawatts, and the third is, that that power is for the municipality only, and is not going to be wholesaled outside of its service area. It does reopen the hole that we are closing, but I think it opens it in a very narrow way. I think it will