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you are better off by pouring \$150,000,000, or whatever the number is, down the rat hole than to move forward. That would probably get the people's attention and you would probably have to bring in some justification, most of which I haven't heard to this point. Again, I support the Lamb amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Simon, I will recognize you next, however, prior to that we have some guests with us. In the North balcony we have Mr. and Mrs. Henry Specht of Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Would you stand and be recognized please? Thank you. And under the North balcony we have Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mercer and son, Scott, from Kearney, District #36, and these are guests of Senator Ron Cope. Mercers, would you please rise and be recognized? Thank you. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise also to support the Lamb amendment but I am a little surprised and dismayed at the comments of my good friend, Senator Lewis, who I usually share his philosophy and I think Senator Fowler was right on the money. I think if Senator Lewis would take a look at the current cost of building a nuclear power plant he would find, as Senator Fowler stated, that it runs about \$2,000,000,000, Senator Lewis, about \$2,000,000,000 and I do, billion, yes, billion, and I do happen to reside, as you know, Senator Lewis, in that particular area that we are concerned about and I do have constituents also, probably even more than you do, Senator Lewis, even a few more, and I guess if they had to have the choice between voting for having to pay the cost and I am trying, I have to say like Senator Keyes, I am a little confused to understand where this money is coming from, how the rates cannot go up. They either have a slush fund or else the rates are going to go up, one or the other, but I think that is another issue and another time, Mr. Chairman. But the case in point, if you are going to pay the \$35,000,000 suit or if they are going to pay \$2,000,000,000, I think if you do some simple mathematics, Senator Lewis, and I will be happy to loan you my calculator, you will see that the difference in cost to the consumer is considerable. I have a great deal of respect and admiration for those people on the OPPD Board and I might mention in case there is any misunderstanding, we are talking about some different people that are on that board from when the original decision was made. Those people realized after taking a look at the situation, that a mistake had been made and if you look at, Senator Lewis, again if you look at what the use is in public power in