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this when we drafted this bill very carefully with the amendments, this does not delay the payment of time because the utilities can say we are going to hold the hearing the same day.

SENATOR SIMON: Does it say that in the amendment that it has to be paid on the due date? The way I read it it just looks like they are going to have...

SENATOR SIMON: I would say this, Senator Cope, and I am fairly familiar with the bill and I believe the concerns that you raise are legitimate ones and I share them and I support them. I am thoroughly convinced that if you would talk with some people from the power industry they will tell you your concerns are taken care of by this bill.

SENATOR COPE: I have talked to the people that have to collect.

SENATOR SIMON: What I am saying, Senator Cope, is not the individual back in Kearney, Nebraska, but talking with the people in the industry who worked with me on this bill. Now I will make this pledge to you, sir. If, after talking to them, you are not completely convinced in terms of alleviating any fears that you have on the person who is chronically late, I will sit down with you and I will draft any clarifying language that you want to see that that is done. I maintain it is already done in the bill and again I would suggest if you would talk with people who worked on the bill, who worked on the bill and there is a difference.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Forty five seconds.

SENATOR COPE: The point that I am making is I represent the people who are doing the collection, the City of Kearney in this case, who is going to cost them more money to start with and then if they have the problems, harder, more problems in collecting the bills. It isn't NPPD that I am worried about because they are not the ones that are involved and they are the ones that worked on it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we continue, well they just left. The motion is in order to advance the bill to E & R for review.

SENATOR SIMON: So moved.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing the bill