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like the bill period. I'm not too happy about the bill in the first place, but we start messing around with it this way, you know, we had this same argument when we started talking about the Political Accountability Commission, you know. We were going to exclude so and so and so and so, and I see that same kind of philosophy and concept evolving here that we're going to treat one area of the state different than we're going to treat another area of the state, and to me that doesn't make sense. If the idea is sound, which I have a lot of reservations as to whether it is a sound idea, but if it is a sound idea, and this body is going to pass this law, then it's only right that the law apply to everybody. This idea that people in Omaha and Lincoln are more or less equal than people in Columbus or Belgrade or Cedar Rapids...that doesn't make sense, and so if it's good, sound legislation for one area of the state, there's no reason that I can see that this type of law isn't good, sound legislation for all areas of the state. We create administrative problems. I'm not so sure we don't even create constitutional problems while we're class legislating here. I haven't checked into that, but I think that we're close to that. I just...I don't know whether I'm going to vote for the bill or not. I'm going to say that, but I know that I won't vote for the bill if this kind of an amendment is put on it, and that's the reason I won't vote for the bill. Because if it is a good idea for one, it's a good idea for everyone, and so I think we ought to look at this real close. I think Senator Warner is trying to...trying to tell us something that maybe the bill in itself isn't good...that might be. If that's the case then I think we ought to have the courage to kill the bill. I think the last two or three amendments have been designed to do that without coming out and saying it. If IPP is what we want then let's vote on that. I think Senator Simon is absolutely right on target when he said if you want to kill the bill put the motion up and let's fight it out, but let's quit trying to go around the back door. Let's quit trying to deceive people, and I agree with him a hundred percent. I think we do too much of that in this body. It kind of reminds me again on that Sunshine law, you know. We loaded that up like a Christmas tree and we thought it would be so unpalatable we couldn't take it and guess what, it passed, and we've been resenting that ever since. I kind of see the same thing in this bill. We don't want to meet it headon. We don't want to stand and say, where we're coming from, and I don't have any problem with that. I think generally it's a poor concept to have power companies

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