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floor. There is no useful benefit being served at all other than personal attacks or vendettas by sending this bill back to committee.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SIMON: I think in closing, again, you are challenging the Executive Board which has made the proper decision in this case and I think again it is unfortunate Senator Lewis isn't here but we discussed this issue at the beginning of the session. We spent quite a bit of time on that. The decision was made at that time and especially in lieu of the fact that the Chairman of the Public Works Committee has said that he doesn't want the bill sent back there. I can see no benefit, I can see no reason, I can see no justification except one, which is not legitimate, to send this bill back to committee. I would therefore suggest to the body that we discuss the bill on its merits or lack of merits, vote the bill up or down but reject the Goodrich motion.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Fowler, did you want to speak to the Goodrich amendment?

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would oppose the Goodrich motion. I think that if Senator Goodrich had been concerned about the coordination of power bills, he could have filed this at the time of reference rather than waiting to the last days of the Legislature and, in fact, if he is concerned about coordination, it is kind of interesting that as far as I know there are no electric rate bills right now in Public Works Committee for this to be coordinated with. There are some electric rate bills moving to Final Reading and to Select File and I believe that those electric rate bills came out of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. Only now does Senator Goodrich decide that suddenly there is a need for coordination. I think that in fact we all know that what this really is is a disguised kill motion, because by sending this bill back to this committee, I think that we would not at all be consistent with previous actions and I think that basically the idea is simply to have it sit there because the Public Works Committee simply would not be able to do with this whatever they are supposed to do. I don't know if it is to schedule another hearing. I am not sure what Senator Goodrich has in mind but I don't think that anything could be done to bring this bill back before the Legislature. So really I think what we are addressing is a kill motion and I find it very difficult to understand why when we have public power