

May 3, 1979

LB 11, 461

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: Quorum present Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The legislature is in session. The Clerk has something to read into the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on E & R respectfully reports that we have carefully examined and reviewed LB 11 and recommend that it be placed on Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first order of business under Number 7, motions is Senator Simon and the motion pertains to LB 461. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body. I know that we have had a lot of interesting discussion this morning and I know that we have some more things coming up this afternoon. I would ask that those that are present might try to listen to this motion because it is a very important issue. This is the fourth time that I am aware of, I believe and only the fourth time this session that there has been a motion to raise a bill from committee where a bill has been deadlocked. This is another example. The committee is split on this bill four to four. Substantial time and effort have taken place on this bill. I would like to commend Senator Kremer for his efforts in trying to see if a compromise could be worked out, committee amendments have been adopted but the bill is still stalemated in committee. I think that it is important to explain to the members of the body what LB 461 entails so that they can make an informed decision when we vote on this motion. 461 deals with providing for certain criteria before a power company can build a new power facility. Now I imagine that many of you are at least a little familiar with the bill because the power industry spent quite a bit of time the last couple of days in lobbying this bill. I recognize that fact and I'm not overly confident that this bill is going to be brought to the floor, notwithstanding the committee action, but nevertheless I feel that the public has a responsibility and right to fully understand just exactly what this bill entails, just exactly what efforts have been made by the public power industry and notwithstanding the fact that some of you may have received some one sided information. I am going to attempt to explain what the bill does. The Power Review Board