

particular party in Nebraska. They have been able to get exactly what they want. If we would take a vote in terms of what is the most powerful lobbying group in Nebraska, Public Power would rank right near the top, if not the number one. They strongly resent any effort on the part of this body to deal with an issue. I would remind this body that the first word in power is "Public", that is with a capital "P". Unfortunately all too often those people from the industry forget that. As a matter of fact it has been said by many people that our public power industry is less receptive, is less responsive to the needs of the people of Nebraska than is private industry, than it would be if it was a private company in other states. That is certainly very ironic and it is certainly a very sad commentary. I mentioned that NPPD has failed in good faith to negotiate and that is true. I asked NPPD when they came to the meeting and Senator Beutler and Senator Kremer and others will verify that, I said list specifically what your objections are, offer amendments. LES, as Senator Beutler pointed out, acted in good faith. They did offer amendments. NPPD as traditionally has done used a stalling tactic, has used the tactics of not being straightforward, not being honest, not being above the board and they have not come forth. They have not offered one amendment. They have not offered anything to try and deal with the bill. They feel, and rightly so, that this body will not advance this bill. I can sense that the votes are not here this afternoon. My good friend Senator Vickers points out that this bill is a good bill but we need to make it tougher. You know, Senator Vickers, as I listened to your arguments you really convinced me. I can see that 461 is not strong enough. I can see that we need a tougher bill. I can see the benefit now of an interim study. I can see the benefit of providing a bill which will take care of all of the concerns that Senator Beutler, Senator Wesely, Senator Fowler, Senator Vickers, myself and others have raised regarding public power. So, Mr. President, for that reason, because I am now convinced, because I have now seen the light, so we can come forth next year with a tougher bill, with a better bill, with a bill that will finally deal with the real issues and bring the "P" in Public Power back to the public. I would respectfully request to withdraw this motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Request has been made that the motion be withdrawn. Is there any objection? Okay, the ruling up here is that as long as there is no vote on the issue the introducer can withdraw the motion. The motion is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may, your committee on Judiciary whose chairman is Senator Nichol to whom referred LB 597