

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Beutler, I would like to check out with you what the power of the Power Review Board is. Would you please explain what you believe it to be, rather quickly, really?

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, will you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the Power Review Board basically has a number of duties right now. It deals with service agreements between elements of the power industry, regulating and in some cases negotiating agreements between service areas. It has to do with hearings on the building of power facilities, transmission lines, power plants, hearings related to those types of activities. Basically, most of what little regulation we have over the public power industry is done by the Power Review Board.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Beutler, the Nebraska Public Power District is negotiating a line from Canada to Nebraska. Does the Nebraska Power Review Board have any control or regulation function in that area?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't believe so, Senator Kelly, but I would hesitate to comment on that. I would be glad to find that out for you definitely.

SENATOR KELLY: Is it the purpose of the Power Review Board to cause regulations on the construction of power generation capacity and facilities in the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, presumably it is the intent in the Power Review Board to regulate that kind of activity, but their power is not that substantial.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much, Senator Beutler, and the point that I would make in this discussion with you and for the record in the Legislature, it is assumed that the Nebraska Power Review Board has a regulatory function over public power in Nebraska whereby facilities of millions and millions of dollars to generate electricity is reviewed by the Power Review Board and permission given or not given, and I submit to you, Senator Beutler and to the members of this Legislature, that that is not true. An example would be the Mandan Line which would be the equivalent maybe of two or three power facilities that would be generated or made to generate power in the State of Nebraska, can be built without any consultation of any kind with the Power Review Board. It is true that when they