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wish to be recognized on the Beutler amendment to 863?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes. Senator Beutler, a question please. Senator Beutler, at this point I am not saying I necessarily disagree with you. I wish I would have known about the amendments before. We're talking about LB 461 here that, of course, had kind of a rough path in the committee and it is still in there. Now you said that LES and who else agreed with the amendments?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Municipal Power Pool.

SENATOR KREMER: Municipal Power Pool. Did you check with the other power entities that made a statement, and I will try to quote it, that said, if this bill would pass there will be no more lines built in the State of Nebraska. Do you recall that statement being made?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I do recall that statement being made and I think that the provisions in the bill that instigated that statement are now out of the bill, and in addition to that I don't think that statement is at all accurate.

SENATOR KREMER: Have you checked with other of the power entities other than the two you mentioned, if they go along with these amendments?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I have not, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, would you like to be recognized on the Beutler amendments to 863?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I would. Mr. President and members, I would like to rise in support of Senator Beutler and his amendment on 863, and I think if any of you bothered to look at the amendment that Senator Kelly wanted laid over, you would understand the need for the amendment as offered by Senator Beutler. If you would care to turn to page 633 in the Legislative Journal, Senator Kelly perhaps is offering his amendment with tongue in cheek, but he proposes to change the name of the Power Review Board to the Powerless Review Board, and I could certainly support that. If we are not going to give them any power, then there is no need in calling them a Power Review Board. Basically, they don't have any power, and as Senator Beutler pointed out, the number of dollars that we are expending on these facilities are not peanuts. We spend an awful lot