

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, now there are those who would say that this is a frivolous amendment, and they would be justified in saying so, but as the introducer of the amendment it is not a frivolous amendment and I am justified in saying so. The Power Review Board is going to have to have some support some place at some time and we just now on the amendment of Senator Beutler on 863 demonstrated that there is no support for the Power Review Board in this Legislature at this time. With that in mind, I believe that we should confirm that by passing this amendment which would change the name of the Power Review Board to the Powerless Review Board. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, your light is on, do you wish to speak to the Kelly amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I fully support Senator Kelly in this amendment. I think this Legislature with the vote we just got through taking is telling the State of Nebraska that is exactly what we want the Power Review Board to be, is powerless. I might further add that when it comes to public power in the State of Nebraska this Legislature is pretty powerless. I could make that much stronger. It is damn powerless. We have no power at all. We can spend millions, billions of dollars in this state and I don't think there is a person in here that gives a damn. So we might as well call it a Powerless Review Board and be done with it. I certainly support Senator Kelly's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz, do you want to speak to the Kelly amendment?

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members of the body, I have to disagree with Senator Vickers just a little bit. I think there is a couple of people care. I know I and Senator Kelly care. So give three of us credit. But how far in debt do we have to go before we start looking at where we are going? Isn't \$2500 for every man, woman and child something? We are supposed to be the white state of the nation, debt free. But we are far from debt free. We are in so deep we don't know which way to come out of it, and we are still going to turn it loose, let her roll. These five men on the NPPD Board or OPPD's Board can spend more money than we can. They have got an open-ended check book. We don't have that. Turn them loose, I guess. I guess I can live if the rest of you can. Thank you.