

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, in the same spirit that Senator Kelly is offering his amendment, I am going to support it also. I think it is a gesture that is being taken here this morning and I think it is appropriate. After observing a couple of hearings and seeing the force, drive and power, Senator Kelly, that the power districts have, I thought of amending another document which has a phrase that says...Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory...since the power companies have it all, I was going to strike "power" from that document too. I won't try to do that on your amendment, but I will support yours because it is in the same spirit.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Kelly amendment. Senator Kelly, you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, I certainly do, and please listen to a situation that is quick, understandable and maybe a billion dollars, and it is the Mandan Line by Nebraska Public Power System that would come into the United States from Canada, our neighbor to the north, in a power interchange between Nebraska and Manitoba. A beautiful project, no two ways about it and I support the Mandan Line, but I am using it as an example of why we need to address the Power Review Board, because understand that the Power Review Board has the responsibility and the duty, and the citizens of Nebraska need their services to approve transmission lines in the State of Nebraska. It must have Power Review Board approval before it can enter Nebraska. This takes international agreement. It takes interstate contracts. It takes bonds. It takes money. It takes time. It takes talent to build the Mandan Line down to the Missouri River...we will say near Yankton, and after there is 875 million dollars invested in that Line, the Power Review Board should decide that they can't enter Nebraska. Now how ridiculous can the procedures that the Power Review Board operate, how ridiculous can they be? Certainly there should be before the fact approval by the Power Review Board and there should be statements of intent given to the Power Review Board so that they know what it is they are responsible for, and those individual entities in the public power field will know what they are responsible for. But that is not the way it is. The way it is is that the Power Review Board is that group of people who have real heavy responsibility without the authority to even request...even request their own study on what is going on. They use and