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is right because other reports are filed with the Clerk of the Legislature which involves all the Legislature of course and with the Governor. Senator Vickers may wish to comment on this certain provision in the committee amendments if he would like.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, fellow members, to carry on a little further with Senator Warner's question, Senator Warner, if you feel it should be with the Clerk, it really is not a big thing to me and possibly on Select we could discuss changing that. The intention of 843 as Senator Kremer pointed out and I would again remind the body that the white copy, the committee amendments are the bill. The intention or the background of 843 was the concerns raised by the LR 119 Committee, the study of the overruns and so forth that the Gerald Gentleman Plant at Sutherland, Nebraska. The remainder of the bill or what is left in 843 is simply clarifying who is responsible for monies spent by the public power districts of the state. In most instances the treasurer, for instance, is a member of the board and in practically every instance, however, the statutes have not said so. One of the major sections of the bill is Section 5. It was pointed out to us that the word "responsible" in the bidding statute, that the power districts operated under, leaves quite a bit to be desired. The directors were reluctant to determine what responsible was. The language we are inserting in that section, Section 5, of 843 is an attempt to give them some guidelines to evaluate what responsibility is in their selection of bidders. The Section 6, as I said earlier, is an attempt to specify when monies are spent, put it in statute as to exactly who is responsible and if there are any questions later on, then it would be easily pointed out and easily assumed that the directors are, in fact, the responsible persons. I would urge the body's adoption of the committee amendments to 843.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion first of all is to adopt the Public Works Committee amendments to 843. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to 843. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Does anybody else wish to vote on the committee amendments to LB 843? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Now the motion, Senator Vickers, the motion