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Review Board would be a central place where the type of information requested here could be filed and that is all that has to be done. Now I understood that up until two years ago most of this information was as a matter of routine, filed at the Power Review Board. I don't think every item included here but most of it and it is not intended that they go out and put on more staff to go out and dig up information but rather that they make the request to the various districts which in turn would submit the information which I would imagine anything in here would be something that they readily have on hand.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well for example, on page 9, line 23, "It is the further intent of the Legislature that the Board obtain from the electrical suppliers in this state, a copy of any report concerning future power supply plans or load forecasting or both. All such reports obtained shall be available for public inspection." Any report concerning future power supply plans, I guess I would have to ask you, you know, just what does that pertain to? That could pertain to the development of a coal field, a gasohol plant. It could pertain to other problems that even go beyond the field of electrical energy. Isn't that right?

SENATOR WARNER: Well any activity in the power district is...has a finalized report on future needs as outlined in the section as what would be intended to have filed.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Do you envision it going beyond the responsibility as it pertains to electrical power?

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon? Were you on electrical power?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: No. As far as I know that is all they are authorized to do by law, to provide electrical power.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But if you say any report concerning future power supply plans, I think that is pretty general language. Is it not?

SENATOR WARNER: Well it may be general language but my understanding of it is that it would reflect any additional electrical power plans and if you look at the bottom of page 10, in answer to your other question about where the Power Review Board have additional expense, it is just that the power entities would submit the information outlined here and by and large, most of it to my knowledge used to be or is a matter of public record in any event.