

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp and then Senator Vickers. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this bill of course deals with bidding by public power districts and primarily the areas of concern had to do with maintenance contracts. A similar bill or a bill embodying many of these concepts last year reached Final Reading and I requested of Senator Vickers at that time that he allow an amendment on because I felt the amendment was necessary to make the bill workable. Through misunderstanding or whatever, we didn't reach agreement and that bill failed as I couldn't support it and a number of others didn't support because they felt it did have technical problems. This year this similar bill came into the committee. I happen to be a member of the Public Works Committee. I voted to put the bill to the floor. My amendment returned or restored the bill to its original form. I put the amendment up there quite a while ago on the theory that indeed there is any problem been enumerated pretty well and I felt that the amendment would compel or force or create pressures if you would, for the power industry, particularly Nebraska Public Power, and those interested in this particular problem to negotiate resettlement, reach something that would cause bidding on maintenance contracts in most average circumstances and indeed Nebraska Public Power was one of the big concerns in the bill originally and the sponsors of the bill, Senator Vickers and Senator Wesely reached an understanding and an agreement and they adopted an amendment that I think is very workable that in private conversations and in public statements now I see on my desk, from NPPD say they can live with and, in fact, in my private conversations with them last night they indicated the bill actually benefits them, gives them some ability to determine what is a responsible bidder. So as I say to summarize, the purpose of the amendment was to force the negotiations and an acceptable amendment. That has occurred and NPPD if not supporting the bill at least does not oppose it and says they can live with it and as I say, they told me it would actually be good public policy. So I am asking unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment and I am publicly stating that with the understanding that I have had from NPPD and others and I think everybody in here has to rely on the information from the various entities that are involved in legislation. The information I have is they think it is good public policy and they are not opposing the bill and for that reason I support the bill and withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers. Senator Lamb. Senator Wesely. Okay, the motion before the House is the adoptionoh, we first have to return the bill and then adopt the