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even in the area of power construction. The agency that we are creating under 132 can construct buildings without a vote of the people. I do not...I do not attack that philosophy. But what I do say, and this is not at all unworkable, but what I do say is with regard to water works, with regard to sewer works, with regard to waste disposal plants and other things that are allowed under LB 132, if a vote of the people would have been required by the municipality doing that project individually under current law, then so too if they participate in the agency a vote should be required. So it simply maintains the status quo as far as a vote of the people is concerned on water works, on sewer works and on waste disposal plants, and on power works we are setting that aside, we are making it special and saying, okay, I guess we will compromise that away in the interest of uniformity and fairness to all. But my people here in Lincoln are becoming very concerned these days about their tax money being spent for power projects. For those of you who do not know, we have recently had a petition drive that was squelched by the courts which would have put severe and in my opinion probably unworkable limitations on our utility...electric utility here in Lincoln. But despite the fact that the people recognized that that wasn't a good solution, they proceeded until the court stopped them, and I think that is indicative of the strength of the feeling of the people these days, of the average person these days, to continued spending by the government especially spending for utilities and water works. I think it would be wrong at this point in time to say to the people, we trust you even less than we did yesterday. Now when you think you need the right most, we trust you less and we are going to take away in 15 different instances or more your right to vote with LB 132. So I would ask you to vote for the amendment and to preserve the status quo as far as the right to vote is concerned. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to return the bill to Select File. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Okay, the Clerk will read on Final Reading LB 132E.

CLERK: (Read on Final Reading LB 132E.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass on Final