

strongly the bill, they wanted these committee amendments. The amendments do a number of things. First off, we require that the Power Review Board publish a twenty year power supply plan but we do say that they have flexibility and that it is we are looking at a long range plan and the Nebraska Power Association is looking more like a twenty-five year power supply plan is what they think is a better step to take so we allow some flexibility with the committee amendments to try and have a twenty year power supply plan but they might be able to make it a little longer than that. The next we changed so that the Power Review Board is to appoint a representative group of the electrical industry to conduct this study and prepare the plan. That is in the original bill but we clarify that. Third, we say that the Power Review Board will do the study only if the representative group is unavailable or unwilling to do it themselves, and then if the Board does it, they can levy an assessment on the industry to pay for the plan and this is just sort of a last resort if the industry, which is already trying to work on this power supply plan, doesn't come through, then the Board would have the authority to do it and then levy the industry for doing it for them, and then lastly, we require that the Power Review Board have a public hearing on the plan when it is released and then we also make it clear in the committee amendments that we are looking at a twenty year power supply plan that would be updated annually but not redone annually, just sort of looking at new statistics, improved upon each year. So that is the committee amendments to the bill and they have the support of the power industry.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendment to LB 302 as explained by Senator Wesely. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The amendments are adopted. Senator Wesely, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Senator Rumery is anxiously awaiting for an explanation of the bill so I will hesitate no longer. What we have is a situation where the Nebraska Power Association has I think in the last year started to try and develop a long range statewide power supply plan for the state and that has been very much appreciated. Now this effort I think has been tried in the past. Earlier this decade they tried to...I should say last decade tried to do the same thing and