

understand Weseley's intent. I think he has some merit, but it's too vague and that's the reason I want this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, did you wish to speak about Senator Sieck's amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the Sieck amendment because I think it does damage the intent of LB 213 and I would expect Senator Wesely to speak to that a little more at length later. But I only want to point out a couple of things that I think Senator Wesely pointed out earlier and that is, first of all, that this applies, LB 213 applies only to public employees and really what we're saying with LB 213 is that we expect public employees to be treated the same as private employees. Private employees are treated that way under the same language that LB 213 has got now with the adoption of the committee amendments under the National Labor Relations Board. The issue that was brought before us with LB 213 by Senator Wesely has to do with mainly those public employees who are in a union working for a power company, LES in particular, but there's a lot more broader implications than LES. Senator Sieck and I both have some history an eon ago as being directors of rural public power districts and we understand a little bit about how that works. Let me tell you what the language is really saying that Senator Sieck is attempting to take out. It says that if you've got a pickup out here patrolling the lines, linemen, and you've got two or three people in that pickup, generally about three, they're all doing the same work. They all put the spurs on, they all climb poles, they all face the jobs that linemen face, but one person in that pickup, because its almost a necessity to do that, has been designated by the company that they work for as "the supervisor". In other words he is the guy that says, okay, now, Joe, you climb the pole and, John, you go over on that other pole and you shut the power off on it and I'll pick up the pliers and here is what we'll do. What it boils down to generally is the supervisor is the guy that's got the pickup keys in his pocket. He is not really doing any different work than the other folks are. I think it's a matter of fairness to simply say to him that, yeah, you have got a "supervisory" position and you might be paid an extra dime per hour than the other guys because of that fact that you carry the pickup keys in your pocket and to some degree you're responsible that so and so