

Nebraska. Now there was some discussion when this amendment was adopted on General File about how it might affect certain public power districts in their attempts for bonding issues and so forth. I can tell you that the representative from the Nebraska Public Power District has assured me and I am sure has assured a number of other people in here as well that they have no problems with this bill as it stands right now at all, that they do, in fact, make certain that all of their decisions made by their board are made within the State of Nebraska following the public meetings law and that it does not inhibit them at all, the provisions in LB 117, in their ability to meet with bond counsel, to meet with bonding agents outside of the State of Nebraska. All it says is that when their decisions are to be made, they are to be made back here in the state. And they indicated to me that they had no problem with that. I think Senator Hoagland's amendment to this would, in fact, open a hole in that decision and would leave it up to that public body to determine whether or not they needed and wanted to meet outside the State of Nebraska. I think that is unfortunate and I would urge you to reject the Hoagland amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, did you wish to say something? Excuse me for interrupting here, ladies and gentlemen. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I think, Mr. Speaker, this is a policy mistake for us to put in an absolute rule of this sort. But in visiting with my colleagues, there are a bunch of lights on to oppose my amendment so I will just withdraw it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is good to know when to fold them, isn't it? Thank you.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. I guess, Senator Hall, we are ready for you.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move that LB 117 be advanced from Select File to E & R for Engrossment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 359.