

legislative district, also the present Speaker's, Senator Carsten, and also Senator Remmers. So, I, therefore, ask that my amendment to the committee amendments found on page 1169 be passed over today and be placed on record for consideration when LB 949 is considered on Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Clerk, the amendment to the amendment has been withdrawn.

CLERK: Yes.

SENATOR CARSTEN: We are back on the committee amendments. All those in favor of adopting the committee amendments then will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Schmit, back on the bill as amended.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, LB 949 is a bill which I introduced at the request of the public power industry of Nebraska. It would amend the statutes which regulate the election of successors to the boards of directors to the various public power districts in the state and particularly the election of the directors for the board of the Nebraska Public Power District. NPPD has petitioned to amend its charter with the Nebraska Power Review Board, was found to be in noncompliance with current statutes which govern who may vote for the successors to the NPPD Board. The board was in agreement, the Power Review Board was in agreement with NPPD with respect to what they were trying to do, but found that the current law would not allow NPPD to do it. It became apparent to the Power Review Board that the operations of NPPD had become so complex and have a significant impact on so many communities in the state that the Power Review Board asked the industry to consider recommending changes in the statutes to prescribe the more comprehensive territory for voting for members of the board. It directed the industry to broaden the base of electors who would be eligible to vote. LB 949 came about as a result of this direction by the Power Review Board. NPPD is classified separately from other power districts in the