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ČEZ and its 179 MPs

In an interview in [HN](#) two years ago, Martin Roman of ČEZ told a tale about how ČEZ has 200 MPs in Parliament and said that this is the way it should be. How times have changed! In a vote in Parliament earlier this month, ČEZ was able to muster "only" 179 votes to revise the public-procurement proposal to exclude utilities such as itself from the provisions of the law. One MP actually voted against it. The lopsided vote means that ČEZ and other "sector" companies won't have to disclose the purpose of a given procurement project, explain the suitability of the requirements, or publish the contracts, the ownership of subcontractors or the amounts paid. Development Minister Kamil Jankovský has been called a "[tool of the corrupters](#)," but he actually refused to include the exemptions in the government proposal, so trusty old Milan Urban of ČSSD had to do it for ČEZ in his economics committee. The bottom line is that the CR could have the most leak-free procurement law in the world, but the biggest corrupter wouldn't be subject to it.



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