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any attempts to increase the amount of time that exists for the municipalities to make a decision. I don't feel that there will be a compromise. I think we are going to have a big fight over the issue and maybe that is just as well because they do need some changes in the natural gas regulation industry. It is my understanding also that there really...this bill, LB 494, it is interesting because we talk about compromise, we talk about working things out, but this bill, LB 494, has been on General File over the interim. This bill has been sitting there for quite some time, and if the parties were ever going to get together, I think they have had over 7 months to get together on this particular bill. There have been attempts to try to stall the bill by both parties. Unfortunately, and you know it bothers me worse is when you get a piece of legislation in here that a particular senator feels very strongly about because it affects his constituency, it affects his constituency, the people that elect him when they come down here, and here is a piece of legislation that is going to have a direct impact on my constituency, and I have the gas companies coming in and saying, well, we would like some changes, and the municipalities coming together saying we would like some changes too. Unfortunately, I can't see the two parties getting together and I think it is a pipe dream that these two parties will get together and work out a compromise. It is not going to exist.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Fifteen seconds.

SENATOR ABBOUD: It is not going to exist on this particular issue. Mr. President, I am going to turn my light on again and hopefully get to speak one more time on this issue.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, you are the last one.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Can I continue then? I think I would like to continue then. What I would like to continue on is the fact that you have a constituency out there, that you have a piece of legislation that you bring in to help your constituency, and then it is railroaded on Final Reading. Now...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yes.