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the farmer should be subsidized, that this sort of thing was allowable because there is social benefit. There is no, at that time, charge that we must pay cost to service or that this idea was not practical or it was unfair or that it would make some pay more than others. It was a necessary social good. It was a benefit to the whole state, that Senator Schmit could get electricity to his farm and Senator Schmit and all the other farmers are not asked to pay the actual cost to providing that service and those who live in densely populated areas, city dwellers, are paying a subsidy in order for electricity to get to the rural areas. All we are saying with this bill is that we want to make it permissive, that in an urban area, or in a rural area or whatever, that if a board sees that certain customers are having difficulty getting electricity, much like the farmers in the 1930s were unable to get electricity, if there is that difficulty they could adjust the rates. Doesn't require it, just makes it permissive. Now if there are those in here who believe philosophically electricity must be the cost to service, then I would ask our staff to draft an amendment that would say that the cost of the power lines for each customer must be assessed to that customer. So that if it is especially expensive to run some power lines out in the sandhills, that that person at the end of the line must pay the cost for that ten miles line, twenty mile line or whatever it is and I will offer that for Senator Kahle or Senator Lamb or whoever is here philosophically in favor of providing cost to service. I will offer it for them because if that is what they want to do philosophically, I want to give them that opportunity. Personally, I think that we should allow a local subdivision to make some adjustments on the cost to service whether it is to make sure that electricity reach someone in a rural area or whether it is to make sure that electricity reach the senior citizen in their home. I think that that allowance should be made. I would hope that the rural Senators who for a long time have enjoyed a special subsidy in their rates, would at least be willing to see that maybe that subsidy should be permitted for others.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I haven't had a chance to hear all of the debate. I may repeat some of it and I don't wish to do that but this is really an important issue and I hope that everybody will give it the attention and concern that I think it deserves. First off, I think that, Senator Fowler I know has just