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SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Both.

SENATOR KREMER: Both?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Both reports are evident.

SENATOR KREMER: And you put the same penalty on both?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR KREMER: I am going to quit tampering from now on.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson, will you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Johnson, are there any public cable television outlets in Nebraska now?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Public cable televisions?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I am not aware of any.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you are going to put a private operation into this amendment, and what I want to ask you, is who asked you to bring this amendment in, the cable television people, the natural gas people, electric service or all of them?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I think Senator Sieck could help me on this. It has been the rural electric groups of Nebraska plus the County Attorneys Association.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SIECK: The rural electric people was the prime sponsors of this bill because of the issues that Senator Johnson portrayed to, the tampering with meters, bypassing the meter so the meter wouldn't read.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so let me ask you then, now that I know. What is done presently if that is determined to be the case?