

creating lower priced costs that the regulation of that pipeline would be pursuant to the natural gas law that we have on the books already and that the regulation of that pipeline would be the responsibility of the primary class city in which jurisdiction the terminus of the pipeline occurred and the linkup into their service area. I would urge the advancement of this bill to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion purposes, Senator Hannibal, followed by Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask Senator Landis if he'd respond to a couple of questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll do my best.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Landis, I notice on the committee statement that we had an opposition testimony at the Urban Affairs Committee in the form of the Public Service Commission and I notice we have a couple of people involved in the issue that testified in a neutral position, the League of Municipalities and People's Natural Gas. Would you be able to tell me what the nature of their discussions were?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes. The opposition was by a representative of the Public Service Commission who argued that this power for regulation should be granted to the Public Service Commission, that they should have the oversight and that they were prepared to do so. The neutral position, People's Natural Gas, I think it's their pipeline that now winds up being connected with, into Lincoln. They were neutral on the bill. If there is a pipeline, they will wind up being the competitor and they were not in opposition. They were neutral, expressing some concerns that the language be clear. They are now satisfied, I think, in talking to them privately, since they understand that the city would have to have a public hearing before it ever moved to create the pipeline, that they would be able to appear at, make their case and make the contrary argument that the existing mechanism is well justified, being certain that they have that window of opportunity to make a public case which was not originally clear and is now clear. They are certainly not proponents but...