

answer is I don't think it would be here this year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And by passing a bill such as this, it is a fact that these big companies would be given breaks and concessions that ordinary ratepayers would never get from this Legislature, wouldn't you agree?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, it depends on what you mean by breaks. They are going to be paying less per...per...per watt of usage than would a residential customer in almost every case. But the theory behind that, and it depends on...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...whether you buy the theory. It does, in fact, cost them less to supply that power to the big companies because of the nature of...because of the scale of the usage.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But when you look at the overall money taken in, residential users could feel justifiably that they're subsidizing what is being given to these bigger companies. Couldn't they or you think they could not?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well I don't think so. I think if you looked at charges generally that historically commercial, the commercial side has subsidized the residential side, especially in residential areas where the houses are not close together but far apart such as in rural areas. I think that historically has been the case, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why is it necessary to allow these companies to pay a lesser rate? Did Micron say that's what they demand among other things?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Why is it necessary?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Why do you have to give them these rates to get them to...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who concluded, if you know, that it's necessary to have LB 828 to get this company here?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I can't say for sure, I can say what I