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SENATOR BRUNING: That's correct. It's a rebuttable presumption.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but it is, in fact, a presumption. And it says, any enlargement or extension. Now, so long as it's an enlargement or an extension, it gets the rebuttable presumption. Does that mean a enlargement or extension within the city that we're talking about? Or is that a presumption that goes to expansion beyond the city limits into the zoning...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...jurisdiction, or even beyond the zoning jurisdiction? Let me leave you with that question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Thompson, on the Bruning amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just want to mention LB 725, which is on General File and will be up next year, because it does address the issues that are being discussed currently, and I just want to let the body know that I will be bringing that issue back through that bill next year. And what it does is clarify that cities and village boards do have the authority to determine the natural gas provider in their extraterritorial jurisdictions within their zoning limits. I didn't attempt to amend that onto this bill because they were working on a compromise, which is being presented, and I think that we'll just deal with that, as it stands. But I did want to let Senator Beutler know that I will be coming back to determine that issue and clarify that issue for cities and villages during the next session, and I think it's an important one and I think it needs to be dealt with. I won't do that today, but I will be back next session, next year, with that particular bill to try to address some of those concerns that Senator Beutler has mentioned here. And, with that, I'll yield my time back to him for the other questions that he has.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.