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any...what problems would that cause?

SENATOR BRUNING: It wouldn't cause any problems, Senator. I'd want to discuss it with some of the experts. This is a very detailed area. I don't profess to be an expert. I would want to discuss it, but perhaps...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...between now and Select File we could discuss that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let me ask you this as a last general question. One of the things that in the short term maybe it doesn't matter all that much but it might, depending on what came down the line eventually. But with this bill are we effectively creating a situation where private utilities can set up islands of monopoly in, frankly, the same way public...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...utilities have set up islands of monopoly?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bruning, see no more...Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak on the Bruning amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Beutler, you have approximately five minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Are we, Senator Bruning, are we, in effect, catering, at least on a temporary basis here, to what is effectively a kind of anticompetitive agreement as between these two companies that has the effect of reinforcing monopolies for both of them? And, if we are, perhaps that's not too bad for the consumer if we assume down the pike there will be transmission rates that allow them to use each other's pipes and allow the consumer to go...to go in different directions in a more truly competitive atmosphere.