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Senator, to some degree? I would yield the remain...I'd yield the remainder of my time, Mr. President, to Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, to follow up what Senator Bruning said to you, as the bill was originally introduced it had this opposition from the...people opponents. What has happened in the meantime, the two sides, MUD and UtiliCorp or Peoples, have gotten together and they have brought this amendment to us. That is their...that's their...they put the stamp...both sides have put their stamp on it and so...

SENATOR CROSBY: (Microphone malfunction.) I wanted to be sure I understood that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's, yeah, as the bill came out of committee they...or we amended in the committee but basically the bill is completely different than the bill was originally introduced.

SENATOR CROSBY: (Microphone malfunction.) Thanks, Paul.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was not going to say anything on this bill because I had been told that the two sides had come to an agreement on this amendment, but Senator Beutler's question has made it necessary for me to ask Senator Bruning a thing or two, if he will yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Bruning?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bruning, what is the purpose of offering this bill in the first place? Whose interest was to be served?