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see in this bill is a lack of clear declaration about what it is we're dealing with. Now, since Goliath on one side and the giant at the top of Jack's beanstalk have come to an agreement, maybe that is the best that can be done. So at this point I'm not going to try to derail this amendment, but if it is adopted...oh, Senator Bruning is amending the committee amendments, if I understand that. Is that correct?

SENATOR CUDABACK: That's correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. There will be additional opportunity to discuss this on the committee amendments, then on a motion to advance the bill, because there is additional information that I need. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. I was out for an Exec Session so I came into the discussion late, but I think there are some issues that we heard in the Urban Affairs Committee that have not been discussed since I've been on the floor, and if they have not been discussed I think we need to address them. I represent a district that has both of the utilities within the district and one of the bills that we looked at in Urban Affairs dealt with the taxation issue. There is a difference in taxation between the private utilities and the public utilities. That's one of the ways private util...or public utilities keep their costs down. What happens when you pay those taxes? If you're a private utility you pay 5 percent. That taxation goes into the support of all the governmental agents within that district. The schools, the cities, the counties, the ESUs, the community service...community colleges, and all of those other entities receive those tax dollars. When we have a public utility, the rate is different. We only see 2 percent and only in certain areas. Those dollars do not flow to the governmental agents. What that means for the people that live within the district, in my district, where you don't have equal taxation or equal utility services, you see some people paying twice. They pay once through their taxation through their private utility. They pay again through paying a higher rate to support those who do