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but you were suggesting that, if you have the double piping, those who are receiving service from the private provider are going to pay. Tell me what you said about that.

SENATOR REDFIELD: When you have two utilities within an area, the people who have the private utilities, through their bill, are subsidizing the cost of 5 percent, which the utility pays in taxation. So they are...their rates are higher to cover that taxation, which goes to the schools, cities, counties and all the other entities.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: The people who are serviced by the public utilities are only underwriting a cost of 2 percent with their rate. Therefore, they're paying less, but then they're both paying equally on their property tax to make up the differences.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are the people who are receiving service from the private company unable to receive service from the public utility? They are barred from doing that? Is that why they...

SENATOR REDFIELD: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...stay with the private?

SENATOR REDFIELD: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think the time is up. That helps a bit. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Seeing no further lights, Senator Bruning, you're recognized. Senator Price.

SENATOR PRICE: Thank you. I would give my time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Price. Senator Redfield, would you continue to help me on this, if you will. How does this operate now? Let's say that this private company is