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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Bruning, you're recognized to close on your amendment to the committee amendments.

**SENATOR BRUNING:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I appreciate the discussion we've had with Senator Chambers, Senator Beutler. I think Senator Redfield highlighted one of the most important points of this bill and that is, under current law, those of us who live in the outlying area of Sarpy County have Peoples Natural Gas as a provider and, currently, if MUD comes in and cherry-picks, for lack of a better word, some of the bigger customers, the rates go up for everyone in outlying Sarpy County, and that can work both ways. That's...I'm using the example in the one direction, but it can work in both directions. And so this particular bill will help maintain the status quo so that these companies know in...know who's serving what area. I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Bruning amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Bruning amendment to the committee amendments.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** The amendment is adopted. Debate on the committee amendment, Senator Beutler.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, Senator Bruning, if I could continue our conversation a bit, first of all, on the subject of duplicative pipes, you would think normally that if somebody already had a piping system in place that you would not run duplicative pipes, at least without the assurance of some sort of consumer interest that would pay you long term for running those duplicative pipes, right?

**SENATOR BRUNING:** Yes.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** So my thought would be, and it's reinforced by