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information that was given to me and I would ask you if this is accurate so far as you know, my thought would be the danger of duplicative pipes is not all that great, although there may be limited situations where a big customer might be of interest to somebody, but I assume if the big customer asked for somebody else it was because they perceived it to be in their benefit. But the fact that I'm given is that in the whole state of Nebraska there's not more than about 2.3 miles of duplicative pipe. Is that accurate or not?

SENATOR BRUNING: I'm not sure, Senator. Where did you get your information?

SENATOR BEUTLER: From the utility industry.

SENATOR BRUNING: I don't know the exact amount. I thought it was quite a bit more than that. You see a map I just handed out that shows a great deal of it, at least in northern Sarpy County.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, we can check that out before Select File. But if the problem of duplicative pipe were taken care of, would there be a reason for this bill short term that would be important to the consumer?

SENATOR BRUNING: Well, I think it's that pricing issue, Senator, where essentially you have cherry-picking going on by one utility that, in turn, raises the rates of the consumers of the other utility. When the large users are taken out of the equation certainly the cost goes up for everyone else.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So, in fact, it's the element of competition that's in the system that's hurting the system from the perspective of those who would want this bill.

SENATOR BRUNING: The element of unregulated competition. I think with some forethought the competition could benefit consumers, but the way it is transpiring now it's not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let me move to another section of the bill, Section 2 on page 2, Senator. It says, whenever any city of a primary class, et cetera, is furnished natural gas pursuant