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that's all right?

SENATOR BRUNING: No, Senator, essentially what we're trying to do is make sure that certain pockets that have been developed can't be over-developed, double-piped, without the presumption being rebutted that that company has a right to be there. So it could be MUD being protected by the rebuttable presumption, it could be UtiliCorp being protected.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BRUNING: So, either company is protected under this compromise that both have agreed to.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. So their investment then, by putting the lines in, would be protected.

SENATOR BRUNING: That's correct.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I'm not too sure whether I...I'm less confused or more confused than when I started. (Laughter) But I think...I think I know what you're trying to do. What you're really trying to do is protect someone's investment. Is that right?

SENATOR BRUNING: Because, by protecting that investment, we also protect the rates for everyone. If one company can come in and cherry-pick the big users, it raises the rates for Joe Homeowner. If you take out Warner Enterprises, it uses a quarter of the gas in the area, of course all the homeowners, their rates are going to go up as well. And that works with both companies. Cherry-picking can cause problems. We may see the same thing in the...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...telephone industry.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.