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at the impact on the one who says it's in the public interest only?

SENATOR BRUNING: I think the intent in the bill, Senator, was more to consider the losing the party. So when one of the entities cherry-picks from the other, there is certainly a winner and a loser, and I think it's the loser that the bill is more concerned about, because those are the folks who are going to see a rate increase that may not be able to afford that rate increase. And I think the bill is focused more on the loser, typically, in those situations.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Would it be generally the situation, in this context, that Metropolitan is expanding out from an urban base and UtiliCorp is on the outside...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in developing areas in the zoning jurisdiction? Is that the general picture?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes, Senator, mostly that is the picture.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So, looking at that particular factor, do you...even though you might say, for example, in a cherry-picking situation that Metropolitan was taking a good customer, on the other hand, all of the land for development is out in that zoning jurisdiction, as a general principle, right? So, you might argue that UtiliCorp has the potential for adding other big customers. Is that a factor that would also be taken into consideration, or is that not a factor in your mind?

SENATOR BRUNING: No, certainly they're all factors. And I think that can be taken into consideration. And I think in no way do I want to limit the commission's ability to make prudent decisions, beyond how they've already been limited in the bill. I think the commission ought to be able to consider all factors. And I trust them to make good decisions based on whatever the factors might be in the case.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So you would argue that anything they can...