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very clear, so...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, that's probably not surprising for a couple of reasons, but I'm glad you picked that reason. (Laugh.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In any event, going to the question of parks and towers and how that relates to the definitions that you've changed, or that have been changed in 86-301, 86-301 originally applied, at least insofar as the statute was concerned, talked about the maintenance of lines. It didn't talk about the maintenance of related facilities. And it seems to me unclear, with the new wording, whether related facilities means necessarily lines associated and located upon a highway, or rather it looks broader to me, that is to say a related facility may be a facility related to telecommunication lines that could extend onto public land that was not a highway.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Do we need a statutory clarification? And related to that, down in the consent section, does that consent need to apply more broadly than just to the statement of...of what is on a...upon, across, or along a public highway? Now I don't...maybe I'm putting too many questions in there at once. But I would be interested in how you analyze that situation.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Well, I think it goes back to the way the committee amendment is drafted. And when it talks about maintain, what they did was struck "telegraph and telephone" and put "telecommunications". If it just said that the companies are allowed to maintain telecommunications and related facilities, I would then read it as broadly as you may suggest or is possible. I believe when it says "telecommunications lines and related facilities", related facilities refers back to the line itself and, for example, that you couldn't put in a billing office, you know, some other bootstrapped, large facility. This is really...I view it as a river, and it's a river of information that sometimes with that river you've got to put up a little dike to make sure it all stays in, that just