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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if I could...would you yield?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I would. I was interested...I see you haven't lost any of your speed, that was pretty nimble run to the front there. (Laughter.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, it's the without as...I suppose you can ask somebody to give you some time. Maybe that was the easiest way to do it,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No, I was musing at your...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...but it's just one mechanism that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...your ability to get to the front so quickly. I was just complimenting you on your speed. I...

SENATOR BEUTLER: The last question that I just wanted to explore, just for a minute, you indicated that the...the definition that's given of telecommunication companies in this bill, references 86-802.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And 86-802 includes governmental entity offering telecommunication services. But what you're saying is that there's another statute someplace that prohibits a governmental entity from offering telecommunication services? I wanted to clarify that relationship.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yeah, I think that's a good point. It goes back to the general law that political subdivisions only have as much power as we expressly give them by statute. I think that's common law. I also believe that to be case law in the state. My reference there was that there are some old...and I just grabbed the old section, in fact I gave Senator Bromm the wrong section, because I had the old statute, I didn't have the supplement. He was on the ball quickly than I was with that. But we have an old section, for example, in the telecommunications area that allows for county telephones. The county can actually set up a county telephone system. So there are some references into those definitions to recognize that.