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SENATOR BEUTLER: Pardon me? Oh, I'm sorry. What...

SENATOR BRUNING: I'll...I'm sorry, I'll...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I wasn't listening.

SENATOR BRUNING: Sure.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I was listening to my staff person. I'm sorry.

SENATOR BRUNING: No, no, it...I just wanted to give you an opportunity. In Section (sic--subsection) (4)(b) of the bill, my concern is that "any person or entity with whom a residential subscriber has a prior or current business or personal relationship," so we're talking about incumbent carriers here. Let's talk about...let's talk about Lincoln, since we're here in Lincoln right now. If Aliant Telecommunications...if Aliant loses a customer to XYZ competitor, under this law Aliant can call that cus...Aliant loses you, Senator Beutler, as a customer. You're now an Aliant customer, as everybody here in Lincoln is. They lose you to XYZ telephone company that comes in to compete in Lincoln. Under this law, Aliant can "telemarket" you to get your back because they have that prior or current business relationship, but the competitor can't call you to try to keep you. So it, to me, it doesn't balance out the different sides of the scale in a competitive telephone environment. And would you be amenable to taking out that particular provision or modifying it so that it's fair to competitive companies as well?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I certainly would be interested in looking at it. You know, it's kind of interesting because what you're suggesting to me today is somewhat what I suggested to you the other day on your bill that perhaps we're advantaging the incumbent in a particular area. So I guess what goes around comes around to a certain extent.

SENATOR BRUNING: (Laugh)

SENATOR BEUTLER: But, Senator, to be less facetious, I certainly would be willing to look at that provision and see if