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in how that fight transpires, and I shared his concern. We got together, had a meeting of the minds, and have redrafted the amendment so that an individual can also be involved in the process. So that's the only change from the amendment we were talking about previously and, with that, I would yield the remainder of my opening to Senator Preister, if he cares to talk about the change as well.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bruning. Senator Redfield, on AM1453.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Oh, excuse me. Senator Preister, balance of the time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, and thank you, Senator Bruning, for yielding the time. I do appreciate the work that went into this change in this amendment. Basically, Section 7, which had the aggrieved ratepayer section deleted, would not have allowed for an individual ratepayer to have had a say in the process in a dispute. My concern is that individual ratepayers, individual citizens have as much opportunity for public comment and for input and for the ability of that input to be heard and to be utilized in any decisions. And so we redrafted the amendment, this particular section that was of concern, so that an individual ratepayer would have some standing. They would not be initiating the action, necessarily, but they would be able to have a right to appear and present testimony, and they would also have that testimony considered by the Public Service Commission. So, in addition to an opportunity to go before the board, in the case of MUD, they could go before the board if they had a grievance, they would have this option of going before the Public Service Commission and being a part of and having input into that process. And I appreciate Senator Bruning working with me on this, as well as the representatives from Peoples and from MUD, to put this back in the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Preister. Did you yield the balance of that time back to Senator Bruning? Thank you. Senator Redfield.