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that straightforwardness. That's all that I wanted to ask you. Members of the Legislature, I think this amendment, in view of the fact that Senator Preister has had something to do with it, may merit approval. But the fact that Senator Bruning supports it (laughter) causes me to have a question mark. So now I have to do that delicate weighing, does the presence of Senator Bruning outweigh the presence of Senator Preister? Now, Senator Preister, when I just look at the thing on its merit, has the benefit. He tilts the scale. But Senator Bruning is taller. He's probably also heavier, so that brings the scales back into a state more or less of equilibrium. So I'm going to consider it this way. If this bill means a great deal to Senator Bruning, as I suppose...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it does, for whatever reason, and Senator Preister was able to persuade Senator Bruning to add this amendment, then it must be a pretty good amendment, which means it's going to help a bill of Senator Bruning (laugh) which might not make it such a good one, in my opinion. So I think I'll just sit this one out, let this amendment move, then have an additional colloquy with Senator Bruning on the bill itself.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bruning, I just wanted to ask one quick question, if I could, with regard to the aggrieved ratepayer amendment. As I understand what was originally in the bill, an aggrieved ratepayer could have instituted a hearing before the Public Service Commission, correct?

SENATOR BRUNING: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And under this amendment he...they could not longer institute the hearing or the process, but they could participate in it if one of the two competing utility companies instituted the proceeding. Is that accurate?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Do you feel comfortable that there are...that