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and I don't even think it...you know, it might go to the issue of pole usage and those sorts of things. But most of the public entities are going to be the subdivisions, cities and counties. That if you don't allow the use of that, you'll never have any development, and you'll be anticompetitive. And that's where you violate the federal law, is that there's already existing facilities in the ground. The city says, oh, well, we like...we have a great deal with our existing company; we don't really want anybody else in here. And if we do, here's our chance to make some money, because they're our competitors anyway. That's not what the act envisioned, and that would be what would be competitively not neutral. You would be giving one an advantage over the other, because one's an incumbent. And now that you're going from a monopoly into a competitive system, those...you would freeze out those companies. So that's the public purpose of allowing them to come in. And they don't get to do it for free. That's what this bill comes in and submits is, they're going to have to pay the costs of doing that...the damage they caused, and the permit fee.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would it make any sense in granting this right to the private companies, that they agree in return, to the extent that...to where it might apply, anyway, that they would grant the same right to public entities to use whatever easements they might have that didn't interfere with their use of the easement as a matter of right and for free?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Are you making the assumption then that the...that the public utility is a telecommunications carrier?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Not...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Because you'd have to make that jump under this act.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Not necessarily. I'm kind of exploring the problem in a broader sense...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...because I'm interested in...I'm interested in competition and how you foster competition. But I believe in