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this state it may well be in certain areas and certain industries, competition isn't really going to exist unless there's pressure from public entities of one type or another, or at least the ability of public entities to compete as an option. And I don't want to see a process in place that encourages one form of organization without allowing, at least in situations where it might be a good idea, competition to flow the other way by virtue of a right to build in an easement that's available but would be extremely expensive to reproduce by somebody.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: And I just want to make sure that we keep focused on...to fit this bill and to fit this framework, you're going to have to make the assumption that the public utility is operating as a telecommunications carrier.

SENATOR BEUTLER: For this bill. Yeah.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: And...right. And we've not made that public policy in this state yet. Now, you got a little flavor of that with Senator Bruning, Senator Landis, and myself the other day. But we're not to that point yet. But if they get to the point where they can be a telecommunications carrier, then you're going to wind up treating them like anybody else, you know. And then I think they do have those rights that attach, once they fit into that definition of a telecommunications carrier. Now, the other thing that I would probably talk about...and I don't know how far your exploring would go...but if you're going to take and put some facilities of a utility...let's say you're going to put electrical lines and you're going to put them into...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...the right-of-way where the...with telephones, there's some inherent problems of doing that. Mr. President, I'm sorry, did you say time?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Yes, I did.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Excuse me.