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would not be necessarily welcome by the consumer. Right now, every dealer gets the same price from the manufacturer and they can...they can offer some of their own specials...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...but they all get the same price from the manufacturer. I think if you had manufacturer owned stores in a given area dominating that area the consumer would pay a price. Midas mufflers I think...I think it'd be very difficult to craft a bill to deal with that and I don't think I would be supportive of that. I'm not generally against the marketplace working. I mean I'm for the marketplace working, really, but I think when you have...you have a limited source for a product you don't have a marketplace, you have a monopoly. And if that monopoly has an opportunity to take over the entire geographical area that is unhealthy for the reasons that I've stated, as well as several others. There are other industries who will be looking at this bill and trying to figure out if they can...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...do something, but I think, unless they have a franchise law like we do in that area, it's going to be difficult. Excuse me. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm and Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, on the first part of the divided question to LB 1018. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, since Senator Beutler opened an area of discussion, I just want to make it clear again that each one of these questions I believe requires and we should give to it detailed analysis and discussion, because this bill may be precedent setting in a number of ways, not just with reference to automobile dealerships. And when we talk about involving Internet sales, even though now we're talking about automobiles, courts, in the past, when they're asked to rule on an issue which the law may not directly deal with, will look at other places in the statute where the Legislature may have dealt with that subject and will use that as a kind of guideline. So I think we have to be