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the street vis-a-vis each other, and that has created an exception rather than making us choose or divvy up Kearney. Generally speaking, we acknowledge the Kearney situation, leave it where it is, pass a statewide policy which is consistent with LB 78, saying no double piping, and then we have the LB 78 mechanism for resolving the issues of double piping, if you will.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Very good. Now I just have one final question. You also said that this particular bill doesn't address or doesn't tackle the issue of certificated areas or certificated territories also. And you said that that would be basically a battle fought another day, perhaps next session. Is that...

SENATOR LANDIS: I would anticipate that. There were two possibilities at the very end--one about...an issue about how to handle the MUD/Aquila area and KM and Hastings, or no certificated territories. At the very end, the KM representative said, all right, no certificated territories. Said okay. That's what happened.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: It's fair enough. Thank you very much.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl and Senator Landis. Senator Mines, your light is next.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Madam President, colleagues. If I could have Senator Landis yield, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Senator Landis, would you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes.

SENATOR MINES: Senator, first of all, let me commend you and your staff on a job well done, from I'm getting through much of the amendment at this time, and I know you and your group have worked overtime on crafting this legislation. The question I might have for you is, in the process I seem to recall that MUD, in particular, didn't have a service territory protection but there was a restriction on allowing other natural gas providers