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within a four or five county metropolitan area. Is that provision still in?

SENATOR LANDIS: It is not.

SENATOR MINES: It is not.

SENATOR LANDIS: And the reason is if you don't have certificated territories, you don't need to announce those areas for which MUD would get let's say, King's X, because King's X is unnecessary if you're not playing tag.

SENATOR MINES: You're exactly right. And, you know, I appreciate that. The county of Washington, just north of Douglas County, is served by Aquila and MUD, different communities. And by restricting one or the other, I think it...you limit your options and it certainly isn't to the advantage of that particular area. I have no further questions, Madam President. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators Mines and Landis. Senator Friend, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Madam President. The only thing that I wanted to mention, if anybody had the opportunity yet here to look at the committee statement, I was the only one in that committee that actually voted no. Let me give you a rundown of the way I think things are happening right now. The bill, some three months ago, looks a heck of a lot different now than it did then. So I got to be honest with you, I'm looking at him, I'm looking at you, I'm looking at everybody, I don't know what it looks like right now. I'm hearing what it looks like. Sounds okay to me. Those are the type of issues I had in committee. I didn't know what I was dealing with. That's why I voted the way I did. Senator Landis knew that. Some of the problems that I had were obviously summed up by the two-hour hearing that we had. And the comments that I made to the people when they were parading in there was, at the very end, I feel like regulating every single one of you; so if you know what's good for you, let's come to a conclusion. The point is, Senator Landis put a lot of time into this. The committee put a lot of