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which are not otherwise defined by the act who are in the business or in the marketplace of natural gas, who hold themselves out as doing it or who provide that service at a fee or provide natural gas to others. What doesn't it mean, because this is the important one. What it doesn't mean is that if there's a large volume user who is capable of running their own pipe to somebody else's pipe, that in fact they can create a pipeline for themselves. Example of that would be NPPD, who wants a redundant line from where they are to a natural gas supply. They would be the only user. They wouldn't turn around and sell it. They wouldn't be in the marketplace. They would be, essentially, a high volume user, using it only for themselves. Fine. No problem. They're not in the marketplace and they're not subject to the double piping. It's not what we're after with that public policy. If the university were to act on its own and lay a pipe to get natural gas simply for the university, that too would not apply. In other words, what's covered by the act, it's where an entity not otherwise described is in the marketplace. It clearly covers them. And where does it clearly not apply? It clearly doesn't apply when a single entity, acting on its own to provide gas only for itself, creates essentially a pipeline for itself and only itself, and then this act doesn't apply and that provision doesn't apply. With that, I'd ask for the withdrawal of the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler (sic). The first motion...is there anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: The first vote on LB 790 will be a vote to dispense with the at-large reading, pursuant to Rule 6, Section 8. All in favor of dispensing with the reading please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 42 ayes, 2 nays on the motion to dispense, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Mr. Clerk, please read LB 790, with emergency clause attached,