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SENATOR SCHROCK: ...that public power doesn't pay taxes. When they build a new generating facility, they get no LB 775 benefits. They pay sales tax on their machinery. They do pay in-lieu-of taxes. And so if you're going to talk about which one pays the most taxes and which one does this and that, I think you've got a stalemate there. So we don't have any incentives for our public power industries in this state. So I just wanted to bring some of those points out. I urge you to look at the handout. Qwest is the only one that's what I would say publicly traded, so it's the only one where you can get necessary information. You will note that Arapahoe Telephone Company which serves people in my area, my son gets his broad...gets his Internet service over...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...Arapahoe...did you say time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I did, Senator.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Further discussion, Senator Connealy, followed Senator Brown and nine others.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I was referenced before by Senator Brashear, and I want to thank him for acknowledging that, yeah, I'm not a member of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee or the Natural Resources Committee so being outside of the negotiations is logical. But I do have an interest in this. I believe in this bill. I think that we need a ban on retail for telecommunications, and I think that a study, both of those parts of this bill are needed. I don't think we need to go farther than that, and I think that this does...even though it's less than the initial bill, I still think it overreaches. I think that we ought to limit this and study it hard so that we don't stand in the way of technology that Senator Brashear talked about. You know, we do have a tremendous growth in that