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telecommunications bill. Then it was requested for referencing and we referenced it again back to the Telecommunications. So then a new bill came out from the Natural Resources Committee and that one was referenced to their committee. So I didn't think this would ever come about where they're collaborating together, so I'm so happy that they are. The only problem I had with the original bill, LB 645, was that they did limit the public utilities for using their lines for internal use. And when they decided to take that out of there where they could use it for internal use, then I had no more problem with this particular bill. To me, it has always been a competition between private enterprise and public. And as far as I'm concerned, that's a line that has to be drawn very, very tightly because the one cannot compete against the other. And I'm concerned about...what I was concerned about, and Senator Brashear allayed our fears as far as him coming up again with trying to sell our public power, but across the country they want to do that, and we've seen that happen in different states, and the price of power has gone up...it's tremendously, when people can...they're paying so much more for their power now than they ever have. In Nebraska, we have one of the best situations in the whole country, as far as I'm concerned, and like Senator Schrock said, other than Wyoming where they have such a source of coal to power their plants. So we do have a good, such a good deal that I hate to spoil that by trying to get...allowing them to get into the private enterprise portion of it. So I think they would be defeating their purpose is why they're here. So therefore, I do support the amendment. I do support the bill. I'm glad they're working together on this, and hopefully it will come out well for all of us in the end. So with that, I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Brashear, if he'd like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, about two, twenty-five. He waives the time. Senator Engel, thank you anyway. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, hate to rain on the parade, hate to offer discouraging words, but I am not a rubber stamp. This is an area with which I don't have a great deal of familiarity. I read over the amendment