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Internet services without specific authorization by the Legislature. That would have to happen or otherwise they could not do that right now. The third subsection says: This section terminates on December 31, 2007. Could that be interpreted to mean that because this ban is in subsection that after December 31, 2007, a public power company would no longer need authorization from the Legislature to enter the Internet business? I leave that as a question to be addressed by those of you who are more knowledgeable than I. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Further discussion on the Brashear amendment, Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Smith and others.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in support of the bill and the amendment. I want to thank Senator Brashear for working out the details. I know that it's been very difficult. One of the things that I have observed through my years here is the study of our business incentives and looking for return on the dollar for Nebraska. Certainly that's what any investor looks for, whether they're purchasing a stock on their own or whether they're investing for their retirement, whether they're a company trying to invest in infrastructure, or certainly a Legislature trying to provide for the future of the state. And one of the things that I have also observed is the high cost of infrastructure and the changes of technology. The pace is amazing, the pace picks up. And we have seen all kinds of mediums of communication come and go, and I think that it would be unwise on our part if we did not consider very, very carefully before we allowed taxpayers or citizens of Nebraska to pay for investment in infrastructure that does not have a long shelf life in return. So I think that the study that is proposed is a good way to go, and I support that wholeheartedly. I know that when we look at taxpayers, we're looking for profit, and certainly we don't tax them until they make a profit, and we want to make sure that we're returning profit to the citizens of the state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I was