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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you reply?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, these are not...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, for instance...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...these are not trick questions, either.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know...I don't know the answers to these things, and I'm guessing most of us on the floor don't.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I understand, and I'm trying to be as responsive as I can be. When you say "regulated by anybody," for instance, an exception that's carved out is that public power can provide broadband by satellite, so that's somewhere in the regulatory scheme. But in terms of regulation at the regulatory level...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Does the Public Service Commission have any authority in this area?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I don't know, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Certainly...certainly, they have to have the regulatory authority that accompanies that which they have over any of these industry groups. But if, if...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is a definition like...I mean, broadband is defined in the first part, first page of your bill.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, it is.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But I'm still at a loss as to whether that overlaps with whatever definitions we may have of telecommunications. There's no definition of...well, it has the