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same meaning as in 86.117.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We're now on your time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that a...are those completely separate categories, or is there overlap between...is broadband a part of telecommunications?

SENATOR CUDABACK: We're now on your time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Then, having posed the question, I would yield part of my time for Senator Brashear to answer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, if you care to answer.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President. You are correct. There is some overlap, but supposedly these are reconciled.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I didn't say that there was, Senator. Again, I'm working from a very low level of knowledge here, but there is some overlap?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and can you tell us a little bit more?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I can tell you that the definitions used in this amendment are not inconsistent with existing law. They're either supplemental or a consistent amplification on existing definitions.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let's move to, then, the second category of services that you're permanently prohibiting, Internet services. Can public agencies, cities, public power districts, other public entities, currently provide Internet services to people, under current law?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Not wanting to be disrespectful, I'm tempted to say they must be able to, because they are.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, which public entities are now providing