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SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's not my question. Not to be rude, but my time will run out. Those who deal in line communication, those who deal with wireless, these are two prongs. Would you agree?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do they compete with each other, or do they see things eye to eye?

SENATOR BURLING: Probably a little bit of both. They're competing with each other, yet they can be the same companies; the same people, with new technology, will be involved in both.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now if there are two sides to this issue, how is one representative going to speak for all of the diverse entities in the so-called telecommunications sector?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, you can have different technologies in the same communication business and be represented by one person.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it's your view that on telecommunications issues that come before us, there will not be some in the communications industry opposing, and others for it? They'll all be on the same side of that issue, when one comes before us? Is that what you're telling me?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, if you get down into real delicate technicalities, there would be opposing forces, but in general, telecommunications is that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So when you have those opposing forces, the Governor is going to appoint the one that is of most political benefit to him or her; isn't that true, being realistic? Isn't that true?

SENATOR BURLING: I would not say that that's necessarily true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has this Governor appointed a Democrat to be