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gain some clarification, if you don't mind, MUD seeks to operate outside its jurisdiction that currently elects those board members? Is that accurate?

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't know that that's quite accurate, Senator Smith. They already do, actually, operate outside that area now.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. But they certainly would not support being held to the boundaries that currently exist within their territory. Is that accurate?

SENATOR BOURNE: If you're talking about, would they support LB 48, that sets the territory as where they operated on January 1, 2005, I believe MUD would be opposed to that, as would I.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And...but they...with or without LB 48, they could still move with the city boundaries?

SENATOR BOURNE: With or without LB 48, Senator Smith?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't believe that they could.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So if LB 48 passed, then they could not grow with the city limits?

SENATOR BOURNE: Not without further action by the PSC.

SENATOR SMITH: Right. So subject to the PSC, an elected body across the state, they still don't want to be subject to the regulation of the PSC? Is that accurate?

SENATOR BOURNE: No, that's...no, no, that's not accurate at all.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So would they support the PSC being able to have the decision-making capacity of drawing the line, okay, here's where MUD can operate, here's where Aquila or otherwise