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down to a vote. But if you're like me--and I am a skeptic on this bill--and if you haven't heard a good public policy reason, recommit it. And if I can't give you a good public policy reason for LB 48, do the same thing to my bill. The difference is, I can. By the way, do not characterize my bill as the gas companies' bill, because it's not. You know what, we had two bookends. This was the MUD's city version, and we had the Aquila version, and it was just as bad. It was, poke you in the eye. It was, everything for me and nothing for you. And the Urban Affairs Committee killed it. What we did is we poured out one of the bookends, and the only bill that's in the middle, that has neutral principles on regulation. And LB 748 is not it. We should recommit that bill. And if I can't make the same case on LB 48, then that will be the fate of my bill. But the truth of the matter is, LB 48 contains neutral principles that have something there for everyone, except MUD. And the reason is, MUD has about everything that one entity could possibly have. So there isn't much to benefit them, because the rules essentially serve them well. But it serves the public well. LB 748 does not. It undoes the tool that I just read you, demonstrated that the MUD \$400,000 appropriation was not in the public interest. And the LB 748 answer is, ignore that and don't let the Public Service Commission look at those kind of issues. That's nuts.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute. Oh, thank you. I'm sorry, Senator Landis. I didn't see you sit down. Senator Mines, during our little glitch, your light was on. Did you wish to speak? I didn't know whether we took it off accidentally, or...thank you very much. (Visitors introduced.) You've heard the opening on the motion to recommit. The lights were on for the other, AM1493. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Bourne and eight others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd waive for the moment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Listen, I don't really know what to think about this recommit to committee motion, to be quite honest with you. I will tell you, if you