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SENATOR REDFIELD: One minute, did you say?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I said time, Senator. I'm sorry.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Baker, followed by Senator Friend.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I'm going to get on my soapbox a bit here, I guess. This issue has been hashed out, some people say hours of work--natural gas wars they call them; I don't call them...consider them that--negotiations over the years. And I'm surprised it was brought back so soon. But I suspect that the senators who were elected last election, the freshmen senators--and I'm looking at several of them--I hope they're listening, because I think this is going to come back again and again. And I tell you, we've already been through this ground. We've plowed it, replowed it, we've hashed it out. The process is out there for the MUDs and so on out in the state, but they don't like the process. And with term limits facing us, I bet you it's going to come back. And I hope you have the gumption to say, no, we've gone through that issue in the past. It was...ever since I've been here, it's...like Senator Redfield, it's been an issue, and Senator Schimek, it's been an issue. And with term limits coming down the pike, looking at us straight in the face, it's going to come back again. And I hope that the senators who remain after this first group--and I'm one of them, the 20--say, no, we're not going back. The process is there. They just don't like it. Well, I'm sorry. They're going to have to get used to it. That's my sermon for the day. Specifically, the issue in Fremont...I can counter that. I have a mother-in-law that lives in Hastings, a sister-in-law. I had my wife's aunt lived there. And I'm familiar somewhat with what happened in Hastings years ago. Hastings was listed as one of those communities that has a municipally owned gas system. And those of you recall back in the late seventies, there was a major gas explosion in Hastings on a...late in the evening, or 2:00 in the morning. Thank goodness no one was downtown in those buildings. I don't know how many people it would have killed had that gas blown up