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think that that could be deemed...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I yield my time to Senator Preister.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, you have almost 5 minutes.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. Thank you, Senator Erdman, friends all. Got gas? Get Gas-X. If only it were so easy. As Senator Landis said earlier, he's been dealing with these issues between the municipals and the privates for 27 years, I think he said. Others, Senator Redfield, Senator Schimek, talked about being on the committee and how long they've dealt with them. I think we're going to keep seeing competing bills, no matter what we do. As soon as one side gets some advantage, or deems that they need some advantage, they're going to be here trying to get a Legislature to, on their behalf, enact some legislation. We're not going to, with this bill or the following one, resolve those issues. We're not going to keep it from coming back. But from my perspective, rather than have the Public Service Commission less involved, I'd like to see them more involved. And I'm going to support the motion to recommit. I would like to see...since particularly the Chair of the committee, Senator Friend, has stated that he would welcome the opportunity to work on the bills again, I would like to give him that opportunity. Since I don't serve on the committee, that's a lot easier for me to say. However, I think it's also equally fair that LB 48 also get recommitted to the committee. And so I...the bottom line for me is safety, and the double piping issue is a major concern and a major issue. Even though I support our public utilities and I support MUD in having those low rates that Senator Landis talked about, and in providing good, reliable service, and I tend to side with the publics on many of these issues, but I also have a need for fairness. And we go back and forth trying to do