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right of way for their city and their zoning jurisdictions. Secondly, people ought to get the area where they are now; laid is played. And third, we ought to be able to make LB 78 proscriptive. I said it at the beginning of the session. And then there's a whole controversy. Is it ever going to wind up on a bill? Oh my God, oh my God. Later in the session, I stood up and said the same thing. Those three principles are the basis upon which we should be able to make equal, neutral principles that are good for Nebraska. Said it at the end of last year. I doubt if you remember. In the intervening summer, no one came to see me, from either side. And when the fall came and it was time to draft bills, no one came to see me, either side. When it came time for January, nobody came to see me, on either side. When January came, bookends. Not the bookends that Senator Friend says; that's wrong. The bookends happen to be the Aquila bill and the MUD bill. Those are the bookends. And believe me, they are, poke you in the eye. They are everything that the wrestler, in pro-wrestling, that you boo against, could do, stuck into a bill to get the other side for advantage, are there. And (inaudible) side, nobody came to see me about neutral principles in the middle. You know why? Because they're not very interested. Why are, now, some of the investor-owned supporting LB 48? Because their baby got shot; their bill got killed by the committee. The tool that they wanted to have for their advantage is gone, and the best game in town for them happens to be LB 48. You know why? Because it's neutral. Because they at least get something out of it. Because it announces the same principles that are in 39. Senator Preister, if what it means is that we can't do any decision making this year, and you're going to vote to recommit because we're not going to do anything this year, then don't vote to recommit. The reason to recommit is because this bill isn't ready,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...because this bill isn't well-thought-out, because this bill is one-sided, because this bill doesn't advance public policy. But if it means that you're going to close your ears and I don't get a chance to persuade you that LB 48 is in the public interest, is well-reasoned, is consistent