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AM1334, which has been adopted, and Senator Brashear brought us up to speed on that. I have my light on, so rather than take any more time, that's where we are. The compromise amendment, AM1334, was adopted and now we are working through the process. I believe there are some other amendments that have been filed to AM1334.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. My amendment would scale us back. As Senator Brashear amended the bill and, as he explained this morning, the current bill states that it would ban retail forever, ban wholesale (inaudible) cooperation of a public entity with a telecom company, until a study is done. My amendment would ban wholesale, I mean, ban retail at this point, through the time of the study. It would allow wholesale at this time. I don't think we ought to stand in the way of technology. I don't think there's going to be a whole lot of these cooperation agreements and working together between public entities and telecom companies, but I don't think that we ought to stand in the way of what could be possibly some breakthrough or the like. We've had a tremendous growth in technology over the last 30 years, and I remember getting my first Apple PC, and it was about 30 years ago, and that technology--between then and now--has been phenomenal. don't know what's going to happen in this year. BPL isn't very practical right now, but if we would deliver telecom services through electric generation, through that system, there's only one way to do it in Nebraska. It's for public entities to be a I don't want them to be the retailer, and because of that, I've said we should ban retail for a while. But I don't know if we ought to stand in the way of what could possibly be a breakthrough in the future.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. We go on now to discussion. There are four lights on. Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Baker, Senator Preister, and Senator Brown. Senator