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mixture of law. You can't take the same type of a system from another state and imprint that here in the Nebraska, because we have public entities here that deliver all our power. And if you put a thumb on us, on the public, on the people that own those systems, then I think you're giving away that right to technology, and you're giving away that right to be...to think outside the box. This amendment allows us to put a task force in place. It says you can't retail anymore, if you've been doing it, and you can't retail during this study. But it still allows people to cooperate, to use your facilities, or to cooperate with your system and a telecom or a retailer. I think it's a middle ground. I don't think that we ought to allow ourselves to give away too much of our own rights.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Mines, followed by Senator Burling.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I support the Transportation Committee and, quite frankly, the reason I do is all sides have come together and there's an agreement, but for AM1351. The industries have both come together in agreement, the Transportation Committee has come together in an the bill and allowed agreement, the Speaker has led the ... allowed the amendment to happen. All parties are on the same page, but for AM1351. Here's what's wrong with this amendment, in my estimation. Let's just say that we put a hold on retail, which all...both industries, everyone is agreeing to, and allow wholesale distribution of this new technology for two years. Here's what happens. I...let's say I'm a transporter of information services. I sign an agreement with the power company to have them transport my information, and I build my business based on that. In two years they...that agreement has to expire, because this body may choose to determine that power companies can no longer provide this service. And that's, that's why the study is so important. This is an emerging technology; it doesn't work like some may like to believe. It's not, it's not in the category of wire line provided services or wireless services. Senator Preister had mentioned that...he talked about this being an issue about airwaves, and they are public airwaves. And I do have to qualify and clarify that. This isn't about wireless service. This is about providing