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telecommunications services, information services, over public power facilities. Now it's the public domain in either case, and I think he made some good points about representation on the task force. But this isn't wireless; this is a new technology that is not there yet that we are going to determine if, in the future, after a study, that public entities like public power should compete against private companies, whether it's wire line telephone companies, wireless telephone companies, Internet companies themselves. Should the public product, should the public power be in direct competition with those private entities? That's for this body to decide, but we don't have that information. This isn't about wholesale/retail at this point. Let's study the issue, let's put a hold on everything, and I think the amendment makes some sense. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Is Senator Baker available for a couple of questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you respond?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR BURLING: Senator Baker, you touched on this when you spoke a few minutes ago, but to just elaborate a little bit more on it, does the amendments that have been put on this bill since it was heard in committee eliminate the opposition of the public power companies?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, I've had a phone call to the office after...since we started here. I think, yes, for the most part they do. There is still...there was opposition testimony, and you might want to address that question to Senator Brashear. He's the one that actually operated or got the compromise amendment worked out there. But I'd have to say the vast majority of the interested parties, yes, have agreed to the task force concept and moving forward with the bill, as it's amended. That's not to say everyone out there apparently is on board, because there may not be 100 percent.