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going through a funnel into their growling bellies to bring peace to that monster that would roar, and have them running out of here early.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the lobbyists feed them.   And look at them; they're out there looking at how their minions and charges are behaving on this bill.   Having fed them, they own them, because the hand that feeds controls. This is one time--oh, and Senator Foley is not here--I was going to give him a little credit for having taken a position which is correct, for whatever purpose, because he's often wrong. But that's more reason to give a guy credit when he's right. It's a aberration. Senator Foley, if you're within the sound of my voice, I want you to know what I've just said, and I mean every word of it. He took the right position.   You all won't have many opportunities to embarrass the Legislature as an institution for the rest of this session, because our days are dwindling down to a precious few.   They even broke down in the article how much each lobbyist contributes to the pot.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Engel.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the compromise that has been moved forward, or at least presented to us today. And I want to reiterate the fact that I believe we need to move forward on this, primarily because I think it brings at least some resolution to the dilemma that we face, and that dilemma is that as technology is changing so rapidly, I would even suggest, especially as I found more information today, that we're facing a different situation now than even when the bill was introduced earlier this session. In terms of availability, I see where there are several rural telephone cooperatives, telecommunications cooperatives, that are offering broadband service, I think some now that weren't