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believe if we start this competition where the private can get into the...I mean, where the public can get into the private sector, competing with them, that there will be an enhanced effort to privatize something that we have that's so dear to us, and so efficient, and so good for the state...the people in the state of Nebraska. So I do support the committee amendment, and I do support the compromise. And with that, I'd like to offer Senator Mines some time, if he'd like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. It was pointed out to me earlier, as I closed on my previous comments, that I said I supported the amendment. And I don't support AM1351. I do support the Transportation Committee amendment. And again, this dialogue will go on for some time, but at the core, at the very heart of this, is public entities competing with private business. And I think it's fair that we as a body study this, include all that we can, include all the people and all the entities we can, to come up with the best information for this body, and at the end of that study we determine whether or not public power should use their facilities in competition with private entities. And I think that's reasonable. Right now it's by guess and by golly, and I don't think that's the way that we want to do business, and it's not fair, I don't believe, to the public power or communication companies. Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Engel.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel and Senator Mines. Before we go on, the chocolate-covered strawberries are in honor of Senator Vickie McDonald's birthday, says the 29th birthday. (Laughter) I just read it; I don't write it. Congratulate Senator McDonald. Congratulations, Senator McDonald. On with discussion. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Connealy.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. I believe it was P.T. Barnum that said, ladies and gentlemen, you haven't seen everything yet. Well...and I think with the communications system in this country, not only in Nebraska but throughout the whole country and the world, that