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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...prairie dogs, sit up on their hind end...legs and beg, and do whatever business tells them to do. And this area where I'm looking at the services that may be provided to the public expeditiously and at a reasonable cost, I'm going to be influenced by that more than I am anything that these private operators come to me with. Well, they don't talk to me. But I buy services on my telephone from a private company, and they charge me for services I don't even use; namely, long distance. So they're not upstanding good citizens, as far as I'm concerned, so we'll just have to battle our way through this and see where we wind up. But I'm not opposed to the study under any circumstances, although I'll have some questions about the makeup of the task force and how it will operate. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of AM1351. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Connealy, could I address a couple of questions to you, if you would yield?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Connealy, I'm trying to catch up with the debate, and reminding myself what this bill says, and just generally reorienting myself to what the different sides are. As I look at Section 2 of the bill, that generally provides that any agency or political subdivision, other than a public power supplier, with regard to those types of agencies and political subdivisions--which I assume would include municipalities in some significant portion--it says they shall not provide on a retail or wholesale basis any broadband services and the other types of services that are prohibited. And then in Section 3 of the bill, it addresses public power suppliers specifically, and it says they shall not provide these things at retail. Agencies and political subdivisions in Section 2 shall not do it at retail or wholesale. Public power suppliers in Section 3 shall