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SENATOR CONNEALY: Correct. Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that...is that your view of the matter?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes. But we are, even with my amendment, we are doing something, because there are retail services going on now that would be terminated with the passage of the bill, if you kept my amendment in it, because there are local public power districts that are providing Internet service, and there's a library here or there (inaudible)...

SENATOR BEUTLER: So those kinds of services would be terminated...

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...so it would be banned.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...for two...for two years anyway.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, until we study it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, all right. So you're trying to make a level playing field and put everything, as much as possible, put everything on a level playing field until the study is completed. Is that accurate?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, and it just seems to me that if we...if we ban wholesale, then we ban the delivery of new technology, that we can't cooperate with other entities, that a public can't work with a telecom company...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...in some cooperative agreement if we reach too far. I believe that we ought to step back and not retail, but I don't know we ought to do more than that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but you say wholesale is in another section terminated, in another section?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I think so. Let me...