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now and stop them from happening.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, how many times have I spoken on this?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is my third time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, it is. You have...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have closing left. Before that, Senator Beutler and Senator Schimek get to talk. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Brashear, again, if you could help me explore the parameters of the bill, now I have better in mind which companies are involved in which different categories of service. I want to talk a little bit about services in these four categories in rural areas. How...first of all, is it a distinct possibility that in any one of these four areas in certain rural areas there may be portions of the state that are not served at all by private companies or poorly served by private companies? Is that a...that's a...that's...I assume that's a possibility. Is that a possibility?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Senator Beutler, only a fool would suggest that I'm going to say there isn't a possibility of poor service. I am told that there is no area that cannot be served in...by either satellite or physical plant.

SENATOR BEUTLER: By either satellite or physical plant.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: That there is no area of the state of Nebraska, as great as it is, so remote that people...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...cannot get Internet service. I...and I'll stand on what I said with regard to the possibility of poor