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suggestion is reasonable.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Secondly, besides areas where there may be no service at all, there may be areas where one company is serving but it's effectively a monopoly. Would you grant that that's a distinct possibility?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: That is in fact a possibility, and I'll be brief because it's your time, Senator Beutler. That is a distinct possibility and that is part of what needs to be figured out as a matter of public policy. Whether it be public monopoly or private monopoly, there's great investment required and the public has an interest in either instance as to how and when and by whom the investment is made and recouped in order that we not have some...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...untoward result.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you. Senator Cudaback, I think I'll discontinue at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Baker. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, are you waiving your time?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I would like to give my time to Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Brashear a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you respond to a question from Senator Chambers?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President, I will yield.