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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, this proposal of mine would strike Section 4, which begins on page 2. If I'm understanding this section, I may be oversimplifying it, any agency or political subdivision of the state or public power supplier or any of these entities that have come together through these various agreements may continue to provide all of these services for their internal use and to carry out their public purposes that they're required to handle. Is that true?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: That is correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I will withdraw this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: FA209 is also withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would offer FA210. (Legislative Journal page 1811.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA210 to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and this one I will want to talk about a bit more. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Brashear and I had started an exchange on this Section 5. Subsection (1), beginning in line 2 on page 3, says: Except as otherwise provided in Section 3, which deals with the retail providing of these various services, and I accept that, except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this act, nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or expand any authority of a public power supplier as that authority existed prior to the effective date of this act. The force of this language would mean that whatever a public power supplier cannot do now, it could not do after the date this bill takes effect. Whatever it can do it would be able to continue doing after the effective date of this act. In other words, it would leave everything exactly as it is with the proviso that there can be no providing of, on a retail basis, of some of these things. We get to subsection (2) and it's where Senator Brashear and I