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SPEAKER BRASHEAR: ...Attachments Act.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that would preempt anything a state might do. Is that true?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Unless that state has exempted itself out, which Nebraska has not done.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So right now this, the language of this bill, nor the language in any other bill that did it more directly could stop the utilization of these poles by private entities pursuant to a contract.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Could or could not?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could not.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: You're correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I'll wait until I'm recognized before I proceed.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Brashear, just wanted to explore a few ideas with you and, again, trying to get my bearings a little bit more on how this all works.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you...

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Do you know in these four different areas--broadband, Internet services, telecommunications services, and video services--what is the mechanism in situations where there's a virtual monopoly, what is the mechanism in each one of those areas by which we protect the consumer?