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telecommunications services, or video services. Without that prohibitory language, public power suppliers can do that. The fact that a positive prohibition is put into the statute means that it is pursuant to this language that I just read that power...public power suppliers are prohibited from doing this. I don't care what people out in the lobby talked about or thought. We have to go by what the language of the law says. If that prohibitory language is of no more effect after December 31, 2007, the impact, as far as the law is concerned, is that a public power supplier shall be able to provide on any basis broadband services, Internet services, telecommunications services, or video services. So these people who are in the telecommunications industry and think they're getting such a good deal out of this bill, they better pay attention and realize what actually is being said by the law. If, after that report is delivered by the task force--it may have value and it may not--if the Legislature does not come back and put in place a positive prohibition against public power suppliers delivering broadband, Internet, telecommunications, or video services, then the power suppliers can do that. Now, if you're talking about a stick, that's the one to make these telecommunications operators come back to this Legislature and try to reach some kind of reasonable accord. Because if they simply do nothing, if nobody does anything, the public power suppliers, after December 31, 2007...in other words, as of January 1, 2008, the public power suppliers can provide all of these services, which until then are explicitly prohibited. When the prohibition goes away, the power companies can do that. The suppliers can do it. In subsection (1) it says, in pertinent part, nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or expand any authority that did not exist...that did exist prior to the effective date of this act. That can go away, and it may or may not mean anything. Because whatever power these public power suppliers were exercising they will continue to exercise, even after this bill takes effect. So that is not going to be affected by Section 5 going away. But when Section 5 goes away,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2008, if the Legislature has not stepped in to impose an explicit restriction