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by removing that termination date, then public power suppliers shall be authorized to provide on any basis these various services that are prohibited by Section 5. I don't care what they thought they were agreeing to. That's what the law says, and that's what it will mean. And if I were representing any public power supplier, and wanted to provide these services, I'd show what the law was, up until...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...December 31. And after that, all bets are off. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brown. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Beutler, you know, I think it's come to the point in here where I think Senator Beutler, Chambers, Senator Brashear thought that none of us...none of the rest of us really cared about this issue. I've been listening pretty closely. But once natural gas comes up, you know, I feel like Frodo from The Lord of the Rings. I have the ring, and I can't find my way...I said this out in the lobby yesterday. I can't find my way to the mountain to dump it in and get rid of it. It's...you've got it. The ring...I wish the ring had never come to me, Frodo said. And I don't...and then he had to go away on sailboat at the end. I don't know what that meant. Senator Beutler asked some pretty pertinent questions, one of them, I think, relating to, you know, the direction that we think that we're going with natural gas service territories, or the direction that some hope that we will go with those proposed service territories. There are distinct differences here. I brought this up in debate on this originally. One of the different...one of the key differences or distinctions is that part of the reason that natural gas is treated the way it is, or the issues are treated in a different manner, is because of their inherently dangerous nature of, I guess, the business, and dealing with it. We've got safety issues that are involved. And people...I think the general public looks upon that type of business as something that they don't mind public entities