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then based on the study, which will differentiate, we hope, and allow us to make a more sophisticated distinction as among these various services that are regulated and unregulated, and which have differing degrees of emerging technologies, it all makes sense to have the study. And it all makes sense to make the laws after we've done the study, not to make the laws before we've done the study. And as you will recall in this bill, there is an ongoing and lasting prohibition against retail services that is independent of the study, and it deals with wholesale services by prohibiting them to public entities up until the time of the study.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Landis, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I had just decided to sit here and vote no on the bill, but Senator Chambers, I think, was saying--well, that's apparently where he was going to come out, roughly, in this same situation--public entities have a role to play in providing low-cost, appropriate services. There are places where public entities have gone that private entities would not go in our history. And the reason is, there was no profit for the private entities to go there, and it required the public entities to get to distant and remote places. Our rural colleagues, more than anyone else, should understand the role that the public sector plays in providing a web of services, border to border. Without public entities, rural electric cooperatives, the like, we would not have electricity. We would not have some of the other basic services, because of the absence of the profit motive to be able to justify the investment for the return that's there. I'm not prepared to subtract the public sector from the telephone industry, I'm not prepared to subtract them from the Internet, from the web, from the use of their existing assets. Some form of regulation, fair enough. But I must say that I'm very wary of drawing that line. My first approach is, in fact, to say no until I see demonstrated a balanced approach, which I do not see at the moment, nor do I think is likely to come in that warfare between the public sector and the private sector, under general conditions. I didn't want to interrupt the debate. I'm not all that conversant in this particular area. But my predilections