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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it's not a step backwards, rather than a step forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Again, listening to the discussion, I got to thinking about where we came from, what...how the communication system has developed over the last hundred years. And would that...if we would have had all publicly owned communications from the set go...I know the argument is there on both sides. I realize that, that we get stagnant. But say we would have had public power a hundred years ago, and we had public communications, which we did have, to a certain extent. You had your little cooperatives set up throughout the state of Nebraska. But if that would have remained that way and private industry had not gotten into the communications--you know, the Bell system was large at one time--but would we be where we're at today, if we wouldn't have had private enterprise doing the research, developing satellites so that the communications can work the way it does today? A hundred years from now, we'll...you know, we won't realize what it was like, looking back a hundred years. Just like we do today. We look back a hundred years, we had the telephone. But boy, I tell you what, it was pretty primitive. And I believe that private enterprise has made the big push, invested huge amount of dollars in developing these little gadgets that we carry around in our pocket now. Our grandparents would be amazed at the communications that we have today. You know, they wouldn't believe that you can stand out in the middle of a section with a little thing the size of a candy bar, and call anywhere in the world you want to go. So this is what does disturb me, that private industry has spent lots of dollars. They've made a lot of dollars, yes, they have. And they'll continue to do so. But where would we have been today without that kind of an investment? I believe we have a good regulatory agency in this state. We have a Legislature that is protecting our constitution. You know, I think we're in pretty darn good shape. And I hate to see us start going the other way and slapping the hands of the people that have brought to this