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discussion,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a brief one. Senator Schrock, are the public power districts the only ones prohibited by this bill from retailing these services?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, the answer is no. Municipalities are also prohibited from doing...from partaking in that type of activity.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the municipalities are opposed to this bill, aren't they?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Some of them are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, when it comes to the moratorium, that relates to wholesale. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think the permanent moratorium relates...now the permanent one relates to retail. The temporary one relates to wholesale.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why don't we just make that...why don't we just make that moratorium permanent?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, if this technology is going to work in other states, we will soon find out, and consumers will demand that we do it in this state. And so I think, to some extent, what we do here is irrelevant because the technology, if it's going to be deployed elsewhere, the...it will dictate that we do the same thing in this state eventually. And so, to some degree, I think we don't know what the future is. But whatever happens in other states I think is going to dictate what our future is in this state when it comes to this type of technology.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you say this type of technology, you mean that public power districts might use...make use of?