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SENATOR SCHROCK: No, I'm just saying if broadband over Internet becomes widely deployed in other states and is very successful, I think the citizens of this state will demand it, regardless of what the telecoms or public power or this Legislature wants to do. They'll be a wave move over us that will dictate we have to do this if we're going to compete.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if the public power districts are prohibited, then it doesn't make any difference what people demand. Public power districts will not be able to engage in delivering these broadband services. Isn't that true?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct. And it's my understanding, at least the two big ones in this state, NPPD and OPPD, they don't want to retail it anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm talking about wholesaling.

SENATOR SCHROCK: But...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why did the public power districts agree to a moratorium? That's what I'm talking about.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Because there's a task force there and it's a temporary moratorium.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's not an answer. I meant, that's an answer but it's not a reason.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, I think that's the reason they did. And they're very hopeful that the task force will sort this out. In the meantime, a lot more information is going to be gathered.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if the task force says the public power districts ought to stay out of it, are the public power districts going to accept that position and agree to stay out of it?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think they would, but that's the reason I wanted some consumers on the task force rather than...and I think the consumers are the ones that we have...we are