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stay out of it,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: I would...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...then public power would acquiesce and not seek legislation to be allowed to enter it? Is that what they told you?

SENATOR SCHROCK: They didn't tell me that in so many words, but I assume that if the task force says they should stay out of it, they'll be content to do what they do best and that's deliver cheap...or not cheap, but reasonable and affordable electricity to citizens of this state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who is going to make the majority of appointments to this task force?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, I think the Governor now is going to do at least six members.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who do you think will influence the Governor's decision the most, public power or telecommunication people?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, I have a lot of faith in our current Governor. I think he'll do a very balanced job of doing that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How long is he going to be Governor, for sure?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, another 19 months, I think, is pretty sure, if...good Lord willing and the creek doesn't rise.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if he makes the proper appointments, might not some of those people be willing to contribute to his campaign to ensure that he continues to be Governor? In other words, might there be a political reason to make certain appointments?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, you're very correct here. I've never seen a legislation lobbied more heavily by...the Exec