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can disregard everything that public says. And having disregarded it, they can set these rates, and nobody can do anything about that, because once that act is done it's conclusive, period. I think, instead of us talking to Senator Schrock, we ought to be talking to somebody who really knows for sure. And I'm not going to accept from these lobbyists that notion that, well, this may jeopardize the bill. I'd like to ask Senator Schrock a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, could this same thing be done next session?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I have no reason to believe it couldn't be done next...this session.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, in view of the questions that have been raised, I'm going to support Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, then,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if it creates a problem, we come back and do something about it next session. But I'm not going to go by these lobbyists.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, the problem that you addressed, of adding fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory, that is already in the bill. The...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What about the appeal?

SENATOR SCHROCK: The appeal is the one that jeopardizes the rates.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, suppose somebody says, now that I see what you've done, what you're doing is unfair, it's unreasonable, and it's discriminatory, and I want to appeal it. They say, tough luck, we don't have to listen to you. That's what I'm talking about. Not what they may do in advance of setting this rate. But after the rate is set, you look at the