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rates of all natural gas utilities and that these activities would be funded by an assessment on all natural gas utilities subject to the commission's jurisdiction. I also said that every natural gas utility would be required to provide services and facilities that were adequate, efficient, reliable, and environmentally safe. They would be required to file their tariffs with the commission, where it would be available for public inspection. Open meeting laws, environmental safety issues, all addressed. And the commission would be authorized to establish exclusive service areas and to publish a map of these exclusive areas. Senator Landis is right; his bill actually is the middle range from the two ideas, because in fact, he took ideas from all of the players. He's been listening to the players, he was a negotiator for years trying to work out the parties on both sides and come to agreement, and that didn't happen. It's the only time I can remember Senator Landis failing in negotiations and not from his fault as a facilitator, but from the fact that the two parties just didn't want to find agreement, and they left it to us...

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...as the Legislature to come to some agreement for our policy in the state of Nebraska. Now you all know that I'm a person who doesn't believe in double standards. I don't believe in one rule for business and one rule for government. I don't believe in eminent domain--you own it, I want it, and I can take it, just because I'm government. I don't think that's a good standard, and in fact, those are some of the issues that we deal with when we have utilities who want to expand their borders and take that which belongs to another utility. These are issues that we need to settle here today. Senator Landis actually is bringing you a middle-of-the-road approach. I think it's a compromise that I can support. Thank you.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I've used this line before; it's like deja vu all over again, and I'll tell you. I listen to Senator Landis, and man, I want my