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dentist to have a voice like him. He's soothing and calming and mesmerizing, hypnotizing. But when I look at the committee statement and I see one individual from Aquila/Kinder Morgan that's a supporter of the bill, and then I look at all of our public utilities: Metropolitan Utilities District, Nebraska Municipal Public Power Pool, the League, Ag Processors -- I assume they're ethanol folks--Nebraska Public Power District, Nebraska State Utility Workers Council--I look at all these individuals that were opposed to the bill; and of course, Senator Landis can take a complicated issue and make it easy in his mind, but it's not necessarily in mine. And I know we've dealt with this issue last year. Senator Friend, every time I go speak with him somewhere, he always mentions that, I've never seen a bill recommitted to committee before, and I always say, Mike, that was my bill and you don't have to keep bringing that up. And it was over the same tussle--the gas wars, and frankly, this is--and I'm not talking about anyone in this body--but this is, in my opinion, a fight of personalities, and again, I'm not talking about anybody in this body. But we've got a couple companies--Senator Friend touched on it; we've got MUD, Aquila -- who for whatever reason are constantly in contention, and I'm not criticizing any of those folks, either, but it's just...that, to me, is the way it is. Unfortunately, I listened to Senator Landis, and again, he's articulate, and I'm thinking, oh, you know, this isn't going to go well, when somebody...it's kind of like, not to put years on him, it's kind of like your grandfather getting up and talking in this wise voice, and you just think, I want to believe everything he says and accept it. And I'm thinking, I'm just going to pack my stuff and go downstairs, but I can't. I listened to what he said. He said there's two ideas here: One is put territories on utilities so there are not duplicate pipes. I think that's admirable. I agree with that concept. The reality is, as I understand it, LB 78 took care of the duplicate pipe situation. There are no duplicate pipes now, after that piece of legislation was passed. I sent a letter to the Public Service Commission -- I've got a copy of it; I'll distribute it here in a moment -- and I asked them a couple of questions. And I asked, has duplicate piping taken place? And they said it has not. I've got copies of current maps. We had some maps last year that were from the mid-nineties, prior to LB 78, and there were duplicate pipes,