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LB 1249

I've been the Chair of that committee, I am not...I haven't heard anything compelling. It's not there, folks. Look, here's the way it breaks. If MUD right now wants to go outside--let's use MUD as an example, because like I said, the way this breaks down and the reason this civil war started was one specific reason, MUD/Aquila. And if MUD wants to go outside of its extraterritorial jurisdiction, it has to do a few key things. It has to go to the PSC, is one of those key things. But it doesn't have to do it until somebody slaps it on the wrist. We can change that with this amendment. Senator Landis has laid that out. I think it's a viable option, and I think it is what I would consider a moderate and modest step in a direction to try to find out if we have solved what some would perceive as a legitimate problem around the Omaha metro area, instead of taking Senator Landis' solution and then really not understanding, or not knowing exactly what we're going to get. The PSC, folks, they can't even tell us what they're going to get. I've talked to them on various occasions.

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: I've talked to people who know this in regard to this issue, all around the state, and they don't know. And these aren't stupid people. They don't know exactly what they're going to get with LB 1249, not because it's not easy to read, but because there is not express authority in some of the things that some of these organizations need to produce results in these areas. So keep it simple, stupid. I'm talking to myself. AM2708 can keep it simple, and it can solve, if there is a problem out there, it can solve it, because it's easy for the PSC to identify, very easy to understand what they have to try to accomplish when somebody is out in front of them. Like I said, MUD and Aquila are not jumping up and down, dancing, to see this amendment. I hope to think that there are some folks in here that would say, let's take a baby step, instead of reforming something,...

SENATOR BAKER: Time.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...when it might not need it. Thank you, Mr. President.