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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay. And was there a third question? All right. I would like to say, by the way, that we're off the Friend amendment, and I wish we were back on it, because that's what we were talking about. But I'll use my time here and respond as best I can to questions, and let's get back to the Friend amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It's now your time, Senator Landis, if you care to use it. Senator Landis, it's now your time, if you care to use it.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. There were those who thought that perhaps it was too early to call the question. I'd be happy to yield some time to somebody who felt aggrieved by their inability to speak, and if there was somebody who wanted to speak who had, you know, whose voice had not been heard, I'd be happy to share my time with them. Is there somebody who wasn't allowed to speak that wants to speak, because I'll share time. In that case, Senator Friend, how about back to you? You can have my time; would that be fair?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Friend, about 4 minutes.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Senator Landis. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, he's good. He's good. Look, one of the things that we were talking about earlier--again, thank you, Senator Landis, for...because he knew I was going to come in here with at least some derringers blazing. Section 57-1305, this is existing law, folks. This is it. Senator Redfield brought this up earlier, duplicative gas mains or services prohibited. A metropolitan utilities district or investor-owned natural gas utility shall not extend duplicative piping or redundant interior natural gas mains or natural gas services into a subdivision, whether residential, commercial or industrial, which has existing natural gas utility infrastructure, or which has contracted for natural gas utility infrastructure with another utility. Now, that was one of the concerns I heard, right out of the gate; we have that problem. We have current law that deals with this. I don't like to be