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maybe it's an opportunity to test the waters. Maybe it's an opportunity to say, we may have something here. Senator Landis may have something, too. I just don't believe it. I believe that it's overreaching, and I believe that we don't have to reach that far to get where we need to go. He's going to beg to differ. He's going to make some decent arguments to counter that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: But I would say I'd like to continue on with it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend and Senator Landis. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Friend.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. You know, we like to look down the road, but I'm talking about looking down the road in 20 years from now. of us won't be here, or anywhere, as far as that goes. Hopefully, we'll be in the right place. But you know, what happens? You look at the city of Omaha, all right, and you move You move north along the highway that runs up along the north. Missouri River. Right now Fort Calhoun is a growing community, and I believe they are probably served by MUD now. I don't know. I'm assuming they are. The city of Blair is growing leaps and bounds. They are coming south and meeting the growth of Fort Calhoun going to the north. The city of Fremont is growing to the east. They're going to come up against the Elkhorn River, which is the boundary to Washington County. I don't know whether this makes any difference or not, but these are the kind of questions and the things we want to look at now. The city of Fremont, I would imagine, as it grows to the east. the city of Blair, I imagine, as it grows to the south, and Fort Calhoun grows to the north, those gas companies, whoever they're served by, whether it's MUD or Aquila or Fremont Utilities District, what happens when they start merging together? Will the city of Arlington, which is growing to the east, and they can't grow to the west because of the Elkhorn River there, all right, and it's a different county. But when those two come together, when we're no longer here, what's going to happen?