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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...was not their service. The pipe broke below the valve, and we needed to find a shut-off other than the one on the meter. MUD had no maps for that service area, since Aquila had the service. An additional call now had to be made to Aquila to respond to find the shut-off. During this entire event, gas was freely flowing out of the gas line. We had the building evacuated, due to wind direction. Fortunately, this incident ended with no personal or property damage. We need to somehow be able to determine boundary lines of some type to distinguish who owns gas lines to call in the cases of emergencies. There are four more amendments after this one. They all are significant policy questions. Let's move on to the four amendments that Senator Bourne has next after this.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Chambers, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support the motion to reconsider. I support anything that would stop Aquila. I was opposed to them last year; I'm opposed to them this year, and we're starting now with very little time left in the session. I did not get involved in that debate on LB 1024 this morning because as I said, that's white folks' mess, and with all the talk of integration, the word "integration" was never defined--people talking about things they don't know anything about. However, they took a lot of time, and if it reaches the point where it looks like that monstrosity may move across the board, then the A team will come in, and I'll stop it. I guarantee you that. This bill I'm going to do all I can to help stop. I don't have to do it alone. I'm looking at something here which is very sweet--severance agreements. This is Robert Green, who served as president and chief executive officer from January 1, 2002, until October 1, 2002, for Aquila, and this is a "killah," as Flip Wilson might have said during his days on television. I'm not going to rush; I've got a number of articles that I'm going to read into the record, because this is one of those subjects