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big war for the last ten years has been going on with the growth in the suburban areas of Omaha, particularly in Sarpy County. That's like the Gaza Strip of the natural gas.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, can you tell me, like why would the League of Municipalities be contacting all of my communities to strongly oppose this bill? Where does the League come into this?

SENATOR FRIEND: Because, Senator Cunningham, the point is--and I've tried to stress this a little bit earlier on various occasions, and maybe not clear enough--they don't know what they're going to get. The League and some of these others do not know what they're going to get, and that scares people in the lobby. It scares us.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, what do you mean they...

SENATOR FRIEND: But it scares people in the lobby in regard to this issue.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: What do you mean they don't know what they're going to get?

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, what I'm saying is, there's language in here, and Senator Landis says it's easy to understand, we're going in the right direction, we know what it's trying to accomplish. But in regard to this business, I think that they're looking for some...in some areas, some express authority. Hey, for example, a large industrial user raising their hand and saying, okay, look, we think we understand this language, but we're not really sure. You better tell us in this language what we can do and what we can't do. So I think what they're saying is, in some of those instances, is that we need about 45 more pages of regulatory information to clear some of this up for us, in descriptive information. We've done it with other acts.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, thank you, Senator. I might ask Senator Landis. How would you answer that question? How is this going to affect the communities in my district?