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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...not to serve it; is that correct?

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, what you will...in Section 10...I'm sorry. Senator Bourne, go ahead. I mean, I can't answer your question right now, but I'm looking, I'm reading here.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, and I understand that. It's a complicated issue. Thank you, Senator Friend. As I understand it, we're going to give an exclusive territory to these entities, as of where they were serving gas on the first of the year, and wherever they were serving the gas, then, is where they can go after the bill passes. And as I understand it--Senator Friend is going to check this--but there is no corresponding obligation to give the service in that territory. And what concerns me, and maybe it's not a concern, but again, as I understand it...so we have the entire Cherry County that Kinder Morgan, if given this exclusive territory, would have no obligation to go in there, and there's no competition or any other entity...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...that could go in there and compel them to do it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, your light is next. You may speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, I bill myself the defender of the downtrodden, but that doesn't mean I'm going to come to the aid of Aquila. I have here an item from the <u>Kansas City Star</u>, posted February 7, 2006. Aquila, Inc. is facing a decision over what to do with its headquarters in the iconic New York Life building in downtown Kansas City--Missouri, that is, I presume. The shrinking of the company has caused employee levels to decline so sharply that the headquarters has less than half the number it was designed to hold. Aquila is also under pressure from state regulators, who are reluctant to have the