

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 4, 2006

LB 1249

going, he says, do you know anything about parachutes? And the man who was coming up said, no, do you know anything about gas stoves? And that's kind of where I am. You turn on the lights and if you've got power, everything works. So...I still don't see Senator Landis. My take on this, and anybody who knows the answer, wave your hand and I'll give you some time. I see this is as if you have exclusive boundaries--and Senator Bourne, you might be listening; you might have an answer to this--if you have exclusive boundaries, does that then eliminate the competition? And where does it say in this bill, or what in this bill guarantees that the consumers will be given a fair shake, that they will be given a low rate, that there is competition? And so, I...anybody who...Senator Bourne, do you...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne?

SENATOR BOURNE: I'll have a go. Senator Hudkins, I'll tell you. You hit the nail right on the head. I mean, I as well, I go to MUD, I get one story. I go to Kinder Morgan, I get another. I go to Aquila, I get a third. I...they're probably all right; I have no idea. So you know what I stopped doing? I stopped asking and I started reading for myself, and I don't know. It seems to me if there's an exclusive territory, you do eliminate some sort of a competition, or at least the threat thereof, and I think that's an accurate statement. That's my assessment of reading this. I talked to Senator Friend, didn't quite understand his answer, but I don't think there's an obligation to serve, and Senator Mines had indicated that to me earlier. So I think if we go with the exclusive territories, there is no obligation to serve that area.

SENATOR HUDKINS: I appreciate your help, Senator Bourne. And since Senator Landis is back, I would like to ask him a question.

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you yield?

SENATOR HUDKINS: My question, Senator, is, where in this bill