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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...service territories? I think it is. So I'm hoping that we can move forward here. I wish we could have solved it. I think that this is a treaty that needs to be drawn up, and service territories and boundaries that need to be declared for the peace of the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I'm going to echo some of what Senator Redfield just said. I know we had that service area map for the state saying we were covered out in southwest Nebraska. We're not. We have several counties out there that don't have any natural gas. And here we are arguing about who's going to serve who in a metropolitan area, and we don't even have any out there. So I think we need to focus a bit back on the bill. I'm going to support the bill. I know we're going through an amendment process and so on. I'm trusting Senator Landis to get this done, and Senator Friend. But the point I wanted to make is those towns that we do have natural gas piped into and the industry. I noticed on the committee statement an ethanol...I think it's an ethanol producer testified as an opponent. I can't understand why. When we built the ethanol plant out there, we had to build a pipeline, literally build the pipeline to the ethanol plant. And there's transmission costs they're trying...they will recover over the next 20 years there. But my point is, once we get natural gas in some of these small towns--and I do have some...actually probably a majority of my towns have natural gas; not all of them, but probably a majority--then they do have some choices. And I think our provider out there, for the most part, is Kinder Morgan. They've done a good job with maintenance and so on, but once they have that pipe, then they have the ability to choice...the choice gas program. And I'm not one that has natural gas so I'm not real well-versed in what the process is, but I know that they, once, even though there's one supplier, one pipeline system, then you have your choice within that as to whether you want to buy that gas from, I think it's, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, whatever it is, their gas