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rain on the parade, but now I received a note that, while Aquila and MUD are not happy with the amendment--and that's great because I don't think either one of them should be happy--now, as I understand it, the Municipal Power Pool and the urban league--or, excuse...urban league, I was reading the chart up there--the League of Municipalities are concerned with the amendment. So...and, frankly, it's...the version here, AM3144, is not the version that Senator Friend had put up earlier that they have had a chance to study. You know, and I think frankly this gas issue is so contentious that everybody is just a little bit nervous and jittery as to what's going on. So I guess, with that, would Senator Friend yield to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Friend, would you yield?

SENATOR FRIEND: Absolutely.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Friend. And again, this amendment is slightly different than the one you presented on General File. Can you tell us...and, again, I just received this note that the league is concerned, the Municipal Power Pool is concerned. Can you tell me what in your amendment would cause them concern?

SENATOR FRIEND: It's my understanding, Senator Bourne, that if there's concern out there it's because what we're adding, and I did mention this in the opening to AM3144, what we're adding is a section called Section 18 that states explicitly that nothing in the State Natural Gas Regulation Act is to be construed as interfering with or restricting the right of a city owning and operating its own natural gas system from exercising its exclusive authority to serve natural gas customers within its corporate boundaries. The commission, in conformity with the act, is required to cooperate with such cities when they expand their city boundaries and move their gas service into areas currently served by jurisdictional utilities, metropolitan utilities districts, et cetera, requiring the utilities to conform to the changes. City service would transfer to those areas upon annexation and condemnation of the facilities. This, to me, Senator Bourne, and this is what I guess would be causing some consternation, is (A) because it wasn't in my amendment,