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they'd tell you that. But I will tell you what. This, to me, gas, is an essential. How many of us could live without this essential? So it seems to me that we either do it right or we don't do it at all. And I'm feeling rushed, I'm feeling pressured. I'm not voting for this amendment. It could be the exact right policy, I don't know. But I don't know, and that's why I'm not voting for it. I just...we're being pushed, we're being rushed. We've got entities that deliver these essential services to our citizens, to our constituents, to Nebraskans, and they're telling us this bill is not okay. And yet, we're going to go forward and do it? Look, if you understand what AM3144 does, vote for it; if you don't, like me, I'm not voting or I'm voting no, and I guess we'll just see what happens. But I just don't understand the urgency to go forward on this amendment right now. I...every fiber of my being I want to go along with this, but when I have a note from people who deliver this service to our constituents every day that say, hey, we're uncomfortable with this, this isn't right, and it's not about making Lynn Rex upset, the lobbyist, or I don't know who the lobbyist...the name of the lobbyist for the Municipal Power Pool escapes me at this moment, but it's not about making them mad or making them happy. It's about doing something right that our constituents depend on. If you think we absolutely got to do this today, vote for it. If you understand what AM3144 does, vote for it. If you don't, I'd suggest we pull up, we stop, we wait, we get with the Speaker, we figure out what can be done here. And again, I'm not trying to be an obstructionist. I'm simply saying I'm being asked to go forward with something that I don't quite understand in a very complex issue, one that our constituents depend on every day of their lives. This isn't about something of no consequence. This is an absolute necessity to our constituents, and we're being asked to vote on something that, just trust us, the details will...it will all work out. I'm not sure it will, and that's not to cast any dispersion on any member, but again, we are talking about a necessity. We are talking about something our constituents depend on every day and we're asked to be going forward on a wink and a promise, and I'm uncomfortable doing that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Janssen.