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what I was trying to accomplish.

SENATOR BOURNE: And nor should you have to. But can you understand my concern in that...

SENATOR FRIEND: I can.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...here we're being asked to move this forward to Select File when we really haven't been presented with a compelling case that the bill is actually necessary, and we're supposed to go ahead and say, all right. And I'm not trying to make the lobby happy. I think if you know me well enough, you know that I don't...that doesn't affect me really in any regard. But again, can you see my point where I'm talking about that this is a...gas is a necessity, and can you see my point when I say to you that we have to do this right?

SENATOR FRIEND: I see your point.

SENATOR BOURNE: Can you see my concern if that the municipalities in...and in a lot of areas of our state the municipalities are the ones that are delivering this gas? Can you see my concern why I'm nervous about moving the bill forward when some of the very entities that deliver this necessity to our constituents are uneasy with this amendment?

SENATOR FRIEND: I think you're...I think you make...you always make very cogent points, Senator Bourne, so I see your concern.

SENATOR BOURNE: And are you...

SENATOR FRIEND: But...

SENATOR BOURNE: ...are you comfortable with the fact that I'm saying it's not about appeasing a lobbyist or a particular entity, but it's about making certain that we do this right...

SENATOR FRIEND: I take...I take...

SENATOR BOURNE: ...so that our constituents get the service they need at the best price?