

Secretary: Vote explanation please. Senator Boquist

“HB 2475 deserved two no votes. No on the Democrat version. No on the Republican version. The intent of the bill in theory is to assist low income citizens with their power bills. The PUC already has a programs in place that should have been expanded. Instead, the Democrats virtual signaled a new name for low income ratepayers then authorized a funding a new entity to deliver services. The Republican plan added a new entity to expand bureaucracy a different direction. Best means to deliver lower rates is to reduce legislative interference in energy, power and fuel delivery. The idea that the CUB represents me as a residential rate payer is long past false. The CUB is now government serving government not the people. Creating two new CUB type entities goes the wrong way. PUC can and should use its existing authority or programs to deliver assistance to lower income citizens.”