

March 15, 1977

LB 176, 401

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Senator John Savage of Omaha moves that the call be raised. Record your vote on that. Record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

CLERK: LB 401. Introduced by Senator Robert Clark of the 47th District. Read LB 401. There are no committee amendments Mr. President. There is a motion by Senator Mills to change "shall" to "may". Signed Senator Mills. This has been pending since February 24.

PRESIDENT: Had enough for one day, Senator Jack?

SENATOR MILLS: I'll have to wait til Select File. I can't take any more. My blood pressure is too high.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I would move for advancement of the bill.

CLERK: Now Mr. President, we have a motion. I move to indefinitely postpone 401. Signed Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Is this my kill motion on telecommunications? It doesn't need much explaining. I think it's obvious. I think that the committee could appoint somebody in some committee, the Exec Board could appoint if the situation would arise that they would need this information and they would need to have this committee go out and study it. But to have it set around just as a committee, to give somebody an excuse to go about the state checking on things, I don't think is necessary. I would say that that is the one reason the kill motion was put in on this committee. If it's such an important committee, let's make it a standing committee and take the special off of it and then maybe that way it could substantiate itself. I hope you would adopt the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in opposition to the kill motion. If, for example, Senator Barnett had participated in this committee for a while like the rest of us have, those of us that are members of the committee, he would know for example that this is a committee that we better keep going. There are some 48 telephone companies in the state of Nebraska and the quality of service they are delivering to some parts of this state is only going to be as good as this committee keeps pressure on them to make it. Believe me, there are areas of this state that have very poor telephone communications service. The purpose of this committee...the function of this committee over the last year, for example, has been to concentrate on those particular areas of poor telephone service and to keep the pressure on to get that service built up. This is a vital committee. I would suggest, for example, that with the things that are coming in the communications field that you better have a committee like this going. I would wholeheartedly, not only oppose the kill motion, but support the bill itself. It is an essential bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

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