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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Bromm. For discussion on the Landis amendment, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support the committee amendments and the Landis amendment. I have had situations brought to my attention by constituents that certainly have convinced me of the need for this legislation and for the amendments, and especially the committee amendment that allows for some administrative penalties. I would like to ask Senator Landis a question, if he would be willing to yield.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Landis, would you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, tentatively, depending on the nature of the question. (Laughter.) I want to be able to revoke my...my offer here. Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: I'm not going to ask you to sing. In response to the questions that you were talking about previously, in terms of the record that would need to be kept, there was a circumstance where a business from my district was approached with a survey. And when they used...when they answered some of the survey questions, the yes answers were spliced into a...into the question about whether they wanted their services changed. Is there going to...is there going to be a way to make sure that that does not serve as a...to justify changing the services?

SENATOR LANDIS: The situation you describe will have to fit into one of the three prongs of when a change is appropriate. And that is contained in the rest of 150. With respect to this amendment, let me answer as to why the situation you described is unaffected by this amendment,...

SENATOR BROWN: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and that is because the language reads, "except when a subscriber initiates..."

SENATOR BROWN: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: "...or changes service by contacting the telecommunications company directly". In what you described,