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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to the amendment. And I don't stand here often to claim that I'm an expert on many state agencies; the Public Service Commission is...is one I would claim to know extremely well. If you've ever seen the movie "Caddyshack", where the judge walks in and the two guys are playing cards and he looks at them and says, don't you have homes, well, these...these...these folks at the Public Service Commission, I think they look at me and some of the others that are there with such regularity that they look at us and say, don't you have a home? I'm over there a lot. And I understand this place well. And my wife used to be general counsel there so I understand how it works. As I take a look at this mechanism that Senator Beutler has laid out here, the principle of it is good. I mean, what he's trying to do is have this agency directly funded by the industries that it's...that the agency is regulating. The problem with it here is ultimately, all we're going to do is end up raising the amount that Nebraska's citizens pay for services. Because with this there is no dollar-for-dollar drop in our General Fund appropriation; it's just a shift. Maybe that's appropriate; maybe it's not. But I don't feel like we've talked about it at length, like that concept has been discussed at a hearing, to adequately determine whether this is the time. I feel like we've got the cart ahead of the horse here. We're telling the Public Service Commission, figure out a funding mechanism, we'll let you know if it's okay. It ought to be the other way around. We...we ought to describe what it is we want in a funding mechanism and ask them to implement it. All this is going to be is a tax shift. Folks are going to end up paying more on their phone bills, because if we ask the Public Service Commission to tax the entities it regulates, you think they're going to take that out of their profits? Of course not. I mean, what they're going to do is they're going to put another line item on the bill and they're going to call it legislative mandate, mandated fee, and it's going to be right there at the bottom of everybody's phone bill, \$2 a month. And your constituents are going to ask you...or even \$1 a month. Your