

a responsibility and the Legislature assigns a responsibility and somebody promises time and again to fulfill that responsibility and then that responsibility is ignored, I simply believe there needs to be an accountability. Now you know we went through and discussed the same type of thing on the tax issue and it's the same situation. I...you know, I think that when the Governor ran for office and she talked about not raising taxes and attacked Helen Boosalis because she would raise taxes and got elected based on that difference and then raised taxes and then when we said there was a tax increase, tried to say there wasn't a tax increase, that really bothers me a lot. It bothers me a lot because I think being honest with people is what we, in public office, have to be first and foremost. And I'm being honest with you right now for both that last piece of legislation we debated and this one. That's really the root of it that I think when I make a promise I hope I can keep it and there are times maybe I'm not able to, but at least I will try and be honest about that. And it's in this bill and this issue and that point that I again would rise and ask you to vote against this legislation because I think a promise was made to do something that wasn't fulfilled and we would be wrong to let it go unanswered. With that, I got it off my chest and I would like to give the rest of my time to Senator Baack and then I would have the motion withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, how much time do I have, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Four and a half minutes on this and five minutes of your own.

SENATOR BAACK: That's fine, four and a half will be plenty. Mr. President and colleagues, I will respond to a couple of things that Senator Wesely said. I think that, you know, one of the things that we do in this bill is we do change the structure of the department. We do give them some more flexibility and we do provide for that. We have...in this bill we do say that there is no need for a separate Telecommunications Department. We are saying that they don't need to treat that one industry separately from all of the rest. They don't...that isn't saying that they're not going to deal with the telecommunications industry, we're simply not going to have a separate department for that. Another thing that the body decided a number of...a while back and then we passed in the budget was to add some