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SENATOR HABERMAN:      And that money would go to the telephone companies.

SENATOR HALL:      They would be collected by the telephone company.

SENATOR HABERMAN:      And is the money for the new commission and for the new rent and for the new office buildings and so and so forth, that would be paid out of what fund?

SENATOR HALL:      The cost for the entire system would be paid out of the access charge that would be on. So in other words, the three hundred odd thousand dollars that the four cents would raise, Senator Haberman, would cover the cost of the system. That is including all those things that you just named.

SENATOR HABERMAN:      Then all costs to LB 129 will be paid for out of the present four cents access line charge which could go to ten cents.

SENATOR HALL:      That is correct.

SENATOR HABERMAN:      Is there any limit as to when the telephone companies or whoever could raise it to ten cents?

PRESIDENT:      One minute.

SENATOR HALL:      It would be at the, again, discretion of the Public Service Commission and it would be reviewed on an annual basis.

SENATOR HABERMAN:      Would it not be from this new commission that is being started?

SENATOR HALL:      No.

SENATOR HABERMAN:      The advisory commission?

SENATOR HALL:      No.

SENATOR HABERMAN:      What is their role going to be?

SENATOR HALL:      Their role will be to work with the hearing impaired community, those individuals, to establish, help establish the system and make sure that it is up, operating and