

SENATOR HALL: Senator Withem, that's exactly right. That's the point, it is...

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: By taking this amend...by adopting this amendment we take out the mandatory provision that requires that they be spelled out separate.

SENATOR WITHEM: But, by the same token, any telephone company that has the ability to write bills, write their bills can put this line on there, if they choose to do so.

SENATOR HALL: Absolutely, absolutely.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you very much. Seems reasonable to me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The only reason I follow up is Senator Hall used all my time in answering the question. And I appreciated giving him that time to better understand what the motive was behind the amendment. All I'd point out is that phone companies, in general, do spell out, within their billing charges, access fees that they have to pay, the different requirements in terms of long distance and where those long distance charges go, and they do attempt to delineate for consumers more information than just a general bill. So this, I guess, if it is optional that they can do this on their own, it would make some sense. But at least there is some understanding of where Senator Hall is coming from and some concern on the part of those that want to make sure that telephone consumers understand where their money is going to and for what purpose. I think that's a good thing to do, but I guess I also understand where Senator Hall is coming from and hope that that option would continue for phone companies to let consumers know what their bills are going to and what charges are being added onto those bills.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion? Senator Hall, would you care to close?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, just urge the body to return the bill to Select File. As has been stated, it takes out the mandatory requirement that says they shall print this as a