

Those are...those will become extremely political, extremely dangerous policy choices for us to make. Would we be subject to special interest? Yes. Is that dangerous? Of course. I do not propose that you ought to get rid of all the regulatory bodies. In fact, the expanding area is telecommunications. We don't know what we're going to be asked to regulate. But I can tell you it will be vastly different than what we have today. And there are going to be competition issues, cable TV companies offering telephone service, telephone companies offering cable TV, wireless, a variety of competitive things that we've never seen before. Do you as a Legislature want to sit down and have to sort through all of that? No, we do not have the expertise. Do you need some regulatory body to have that expertise? Absolutely. Should that group be put in the constitution? I don't think so. I think that it's a better policy to remove the reference to them out of the constitution and allow us what our powers are anyway, to establish those bodies. So the issue today is not, are we doing away with all regulations. No. And, Senator Vrtiska, we could, we could today, under the constitution basically dismantle the Public Service Commission. In fact, we've got some bills out there that are going to...you're going to see a one-stop bill later this year that moves certain regulatory items into the Department of Roads. We're going to move some enforcement powers to other areas. We could take every item the Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over today and put them in some other body to regulate them. And that would be constitutionally permissible. We could basically gut all of their responsibilities, if we'd want to, but they'd still remain in the constitution. The wiser policy choice--remove them from the constitution, keep in place the statutes until we see what Congress does with telecommunications. Makes some efficiencies in government, which we're doing right now. And I don't know if Senator Brown will let me put plugs in for some legislation that's out there, but there's a couple good bills that are going to take away some of the powers,...

PRESIDENT ROEAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...consolidate some. And quite frankly, I want to give...the Public Service, to their credit, have done some of those things, they've made some cuts themselves, and they've done some downsizing, and they've had to because Congress has basically eliminated most of their regulatory