

responsibilities. Railroads, they're preempted, trucking, airlines, varieties of things that have been preempted and taken away from their jurisdiction. Quite frankly, there is not the need for a five...or three to five constitutional member body to do the things that were needed back when the Railway Commission was there. Because when the railroads were there, the old term "we got railroaded", it was there for a reason. They were the only game in town. They were big, they were powerful, and that connotation was true. Today you've got trucks, you've got airlines, you've got competition running out of your ears. And with deregulation that competition has been turned wide open. That's the change in the historical policy. That's the...

PRESIDENT ROPAK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...reason that you ought to adjust that change now and allow the Legislature the flexibility. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM2934. (Amendment appears on pages 633-34 of the Legislative Journal )

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, the amendment is filed to be sure that there is a continuing discussion on this, because I think it's a matter that deserves some continuing discussion. It seems to me that...and I'm thinking aloud now and exploring. But it seems to me that if what you want to do is simply change the regulatory face, that is have two, or three, or four commissioners instead of as many as we have, that you can do that in this constitutional amendment. Or if there's any other kind of structural change you want to make in the institution, you can do that in this constitutional amendment. And if beyond that there are any regulatory, substantive provisions that you want to change, you can do that in this constitutional amendment if somehow it's prohibited by what the commission has done or whatever. I am not convinced yet that what we want to do is destroy the institution itself. It sits there as a reminder and as an alternative of what can happen, maybe not a reminder of