

matching of services tax sources and program control, and limitations on spending in general. If there are ways that we can afford ourselves the flexibility to restructure this agency in a way that is more efficient, we better be willing to do that. If there is any year that we need to be looking at ways to downsize government in a way that makes sense, and I have been asked why I brought this amendment. And I would say that it's because it was the example of the area that was the most archaic, and there were just...it just sort of screamed of us being able to change it in a way that was going to be more efficient and more up to date. And I will say again, because there is a great deal of concern, and I think we've gotten into some other discussions, which I think are very good discussions. I have no problem with having discussions about policy that have to do with what is the appropriate level of regulation and deregulation. Those are things that are very important and we do need to be discussing on the floor of the Legislature. I'm just not sure that we're ready to revisit every single decision that we have made in this state and federally about deregulation around my constitutional amendment which only deals with the structure of the agency and how adaptable it is, and how much control that we have to make it change. The questions that have been brought forward are what if, what if this happens, what if that happens? And I keep saying that the statutes that we have in place that really spell out the roles and responsibilities, 75-109 is the regulatory powers and the scope for the Public Service Commission. That statute is not going to go away as a result of my constitutional amendment, even if it is adopted by the population; 75-111 sets out the investigatory powers of the Public Service Commission. That will not go away as a result of this constitutional amendment. What the constitutional amendment will do is bring back to the floor of this Legislature the discussion,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...and perhaps some of the policy discussions at that point in time that Senator Landis referred to, which I think are legitimate policy discussions about the role of regulation and deregulation in the state of Nebraska. But I don't believe that there is a mood, either in this body or in the population, to reregulate everything. I really do not believe that there is a mood. And I would agree with Senator Engel that there are things about telecommunications