

and in many instances I'm going to say I think we do. In this one I do think it's time to have it removed from the constitution, that we do have more appropriate means of meeting the needs that are out there today because it is changing. Technology is changing and for us to be able to look at the kinds of effectiveness and efficiencies, you're going to hear those two words I'm sure over and over again, but looking how we can be most effective and most efficient in this area, and would urge the support of 41CA.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: We have pending in the Program Evaluation Committee a program evaluation of this agency which will be forthcoming, as I said, on Friday, within the next month. And I believe it would be a real loss if we did not have in place the option of this bill when the program evaluation comes out, because I believe that the program evaluation will make some recommendations for changes. And I think we will be in a much better position to make those changes if we have moved this bill forward at that point in time. We had some comments from Senator Chambers about utilities. And I would just ask him to look at the document that I sent around about what things are regulated by the Public Service Commission, because I don't want this discussion to move off of the actual...their actual jurisdiction, and whether that jurisdiction warrants constitutional protection. The other thing that Senator Chambers talked about was that it was his insistence that there be a hearing, and I think it shows that one individual who keeps pushing can change the system much better than having in place something that doesn't really respond. And actually, probably what was the most effective in Senator Chambers' challenge to the problems that he had with the telephone company was the media attention that it generated. But I would like to go back once again to my argument, which is that we need to be determining this on the floor of the Legislature. As Senator Hillman said, we need to have the flexibility to restructure this agency and to hold it accountable. And I believe that the people are watching us. I think that's why this bill, which is a fairly small thing, I mean we're not talking about a huge issue here, but I think people are watching. In the State of the Union address President Clinton said, the era of big government is dead, and we better be sure that we are listening to what the people are saying. I certainly heard it from my