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SENATOR BROWN: Well, as I said on Friday, the statutes that exist for the Public Service Commission would, in my estimation, continue to exist. I have no reason to believe that they would not, because every other agency of state government that we have exists in statute. Many of those agencies have a great deal of regulatory power and they are not constitutionally protected. I think it would... Any change that we would make would come back to this body. If you want to hear my vision about it, I think that we would have an agency that would continue to exist, that would be much more focused on telecommunications and on responding to the deregulation from the federal level. The Governor's Transportation Efficiency Project made a lot of recommendations about consolidating services to make them more efficient from the standpoint of the users in terms of consolidating services within the Department of Transportation or...I mean and...or...within the Department of Roads or in Carrier Enforcement. And so a number of the transportation activities could be transferred in that way. And it's not just that I dreamed that up, but that a group of individuals got together, and for a lot of good reasons those were the recommendations. In terms of the grain warehousing I believe that there's a lot of duplication with the Department of Agriculture in that there are individuals that already go from the Department of Agriculture to grain warehouses for other functions in terms of regulation, that we might be able to achieve some efficiencies by consolidating those services. So it would be my idea that we have an agency that's focused primarily on telecommunications. But that's just my idea. Any changes that we would make would be statutory changes that would need to come back to this body to be decided on.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, well, I appreciate your answer, and I'm sure that we did discuss this, obviously, last Friday. But I guess I was just trying to get a...since you did...I guess were involved in some studies during this past summer, I was trying to get a feel on what the attitude was. I recognize, obviously, that there are some of these functions that could be provided by other agencies, and probably erase some of the duplication that now exists. My only reason for asking the question was how you envision, I think we talked about this before, for example, telecommunications and some of the other functions that are carried out by the Public Service Commission, who would in fact