

it comes to dealing with these...large, and when I say utilities I'm talking about those in telecommunications and all the others.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am opposed to striking reference of the commission from the constitution. The first thing Sprint wanted to do was to say that the commission was not authorized to even hear my complaint. Because of Nebraska Supreme Court decisions, and I had studied the law, the Public Service Commission has the inherent power, because they're recognized in the constitution, to receive these and other types of complaints. So there is a certain something that goes along with that constitutional status. There is a body of law based on that constitutional status. And if there are minor adjustments of the kind that some have talked about on this floor, they can be made legislatively. I am thoroughly and totally opposed to striking reference from the constitution to the Public Service Commission.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hudkins announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature, the Collins family is here from Davey, Nebraska. They are in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I was a sleeping dog this morning, just here, doing my work at my desk, decided I wasn't going to talk, I've had my say, and then my friend, Senator Matzke, I think referred to my argument as a red herring, or a little more nicely, a bit of a red herring, I think, was the expression. His argument was...I think it was saying that, look, the argument's about deregulation and their impact on profits really is a red herring because in fact those profits come from access charges, and those are largely federally done subsidies, across lines. There isn't an enrichment because of the absence of deregulation and some kind of price and rate gouging. It came from someplace else, and this is really off the mark. I hope that's a roughly, a fair description of the argument. Well, I'll tell you why I think that it's a mistake to do LR 41. And that is if we take this out of the constitution all this regulation comes back to us, and our track record is lousy. Now, Senator Matzke's