

commissioners and saving some money in that regard, and some of the other efficiencies that could be brought about in the system, whether you do it statutorily or whether you do it with this bill. Those things can be done. With regard to the flexibility we need in the future, I'm certainly willing to keep an open mind towards that, but I guess my attitude is there are reasons why this is in the constitution, and until somebody shows me a little more clearly what that structure of the future is that's going to replace this structure, I'm kind of in favor of keeping this structure. But right now the problem, the biggest problem that we have is with government, federal government that is too large and too inefficient, that is our principal problem and that's the principal problem on the public's mind, but as times go by and the years go by and times change, that's not always the biggest problem in America. Sometimes big dominant corporations are the biggest problem, and when those times come around, the protection of the small guy, the protection of the public from those large entities is the government, and the institutions we put in place in government to protect them. Now as I look at the question of the Public Service Commission, it seems to me there are three things, three powers that they are given that will not be there if this bill passes. The first thing the bill would do would be to limit their power to require reports. Now under one provision of the constitution, they can require reports from any of these types of corporations, and remember that these are the types of corporations that are likely to become dominant and monopolistic. That's why they are here in the constitution. And telecommunications is one of those industries of the future, the most likely one to be the railroad problem if you look at history and see the problems that the railroad's caused us at one point in time. It is going to be this big dominating telecommunications industry that is going to be hard to control and put in perspective. But getting back to what actually happens, this would limit the power of the Public Service Commission to independently require reports. Well, I don't... I've not heard that they've abused this power in the constitution to independently require reports. There has been no evidence that there has been a problem here, and I think it is of some benefit to allow them to go to these corporations and say, hey, on behalf of some consumer, we want to know what's happening here, give us a report, give us the information, and I think they ought to be allowed to do that without the Legislature sticking its nose in each and every occasion