

Termination Act of 1995 was passed taking away some authority from the Public Service Commission. And I also have a bill that will give that authority more to the Public Service, but I think here is an issue, if you think that the federal government can rule better and understand what goes on in our local state, particularly when it comes to spurs and issues like that, I think you're totally wrong. I think we have to have some control. I don't think we, as a body, ought to be faced with making those decisions. I think that the Public Service ought to have that right, and it should be our local. Now I do support the concept of becoming more efficient with the Public Service Commission and I think it could easily be administered by three members, and I think we could streamline that. But I do think we need that buffer zone, we need somebody to protect our consumers. I don't think it should necessarily fall on the backs of us, as legislators. We should, you know, set the tone by which they operate and I think that's our obligation, and I would feel very, very weak having to rely on the federal government. I think we can also make some comparison to the IRS and a few other agencies at the federal level that are not very efficient, and I think we do have to get more efficient. But I really have a great concern about some local issues that couldn't be addressed on that particular issue, so I am going to continue to listen to this debate. I think it ought to be serious, I think have a concept, these are issues that we need to measure twice and cut once because we make this move, it's going to be a very, very important move. We may lose some of the benefits that we have, so I am going to continue to listen to the debate and will turn the rest of my time over to Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, Madam President...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Excuse me, I am sorry, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: You have three minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Madam Chairman, members of the body, I rise to ask a couple of what I think are really pertinent questions on this issue. Senator Brown, and if