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apply to the Public Service Commission for help in that respect. The Universal Service Fund is essential to be extended and utilized if we are going to have reasonable rates, general availability of telephones, and to make that whole process that the Public Service Commission is dealing with work. So this bill had an early hearing. This bill is on the floor fairly early. It has the emergency clause. We cannot afford for the citizens of Nebraska to have the Universal Service Fund sunset on June 30th of 1999, and that is the very key element of this bill. However, any of you who have delved into this issue or have been lobbied realize that there are concerns on the part of those who provide long distance telephone service, in particular, that we're going to create a fund here that's going to generate money into a pot and be given to local telephone companies, but that those local telephone companies won't necessarily respond appropriately by reducing the access charges for long distance calls. But that's part of the deal, that's part of the deal. If they don't reduce the access charges, they shouldn't have money out of the Universal Service Fund, and we wouldn't need the fund. So in putting this thing together, we had to try to achieve a balance between the need for extending the fund and providing the necessary tools in statutes to ensure that the telephone companies who receive money out of the Universal Service Fund respond accordingly by reducing the access charges for the people who make long distance calls, and use their phones for that purpose. So the second primary purpose of the bill, and just as important as the first purpose, is to clarify the powers of the Public Service Commission with respect to regulating access charges, and to also take one more step, and if you recall the debate on 414, part of the debate centered around, okay, we give the long distance companies the benefit of a lower fee for connecting up that long distance call to our local phone, we lower...we lower the access charge, how do we know they are not just going to take more profits and then that isn't going to be passed through to the customers? So the bill says that we also empower the Public Service Commission to do what is necessary to ensure the pass-through of reductions for those interexchange carriers that receive the benefit of lower access charges. Now there is an overriding...let's step back for a moment and look at the big picture a little bit, and there are some who would...who would maybe suggest as 414 did in the petition...