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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...proposal that the Legislature should maybe do this internally on the floor, we should be setting these rates and regulations and so forth. I say to you just as it isn't appropriate for us to decide whether this highway should be built before this highway, with respect to the state road program, it is not appropriate, I don't think we can deal on this floor with those micromangement issues. We have to create the machinery and the tools for the Public Service Commission to be able to do that, and I think 514 does that. That is what we're trying to do with 514. I may not have time in this opening to deal with the two remaining issues, which are I think necessary, but they don't rise to the level of importance of the first two things I talked about, the other two issues being...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...changing the rules on ex parte and the open meetings provisions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Bromm on the committee amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you once again, Mr. President. And I'm going to, I think it's appropriate for me to continue the discussion I was just having. How much time do I have to open on committee amendments?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: You have nine minutes, and 46 seconds left, sir.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. The remaining two issues that are in the bill and that need our consideration are as follows: we have inserted provisions in statute which deal with what is, more or less, a legal term ex parte communications. Now envision this, that we are dealing with a highly...a highly complex area of telecommunications where the Public Service Commission is receiving information from experts on both sides or all sides, whether it be the local telephone company, the long distance carrier, and any players in between, they are receiving