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best...the best soup that we can with ingredients that we would prefer to have differently. The days of subsidization, unlimited subsidization, and using implicit cost to charge access fees is gone, and so that's...that's all I can tell you, and I appreciate the problem you have. I am sorry if the Public Service Commission is saying...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...what you said they're saying.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The Chair recognizes Senator Bohlke on the Chambers motion to bracket.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I had told Senator Bromm that I had some questions I would be asking him. I rise hoping that we could reach some agreement and pull the bracket motion, and I don't know if that will be possible. But I do have to state that I had some concern reading the green copy on Section 2. That concern came more to a serious objection once I saw the amendment because I think the amendment, and I appreciate the work, Senator Bromm, and I understand trying to bring parties together to an agreement, and it is very difficult, and I appreciate the work that you've done, and from what you've stated, a short time frame. But I do have serious questions and objections, I believe, to the amendment that takes the Section 2, and the one part of the amendment that allows, from the final line, an executive staff session convened pursuant to this section may be continued from time to time without public notice. That seems to me that we're creating a very unique situation for an elected body that no other elected body has, and as you indicated, this bill is very important. It certainly goes to the interest of the public with regard to telephones. Because of that, I think you indicated they may need some elbow room to work. I think this goes far beyond elbow room and that's where my concerns are, certainly not with the three major sections of the bill that I agree with Senator Bromm and the committee that they worked on so hard need to go forward. And so I know there has been some discussion and, Senator Bromm, I may ask you a question, if you would yield, please.