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have...they could certainly hear from both parties together or speak with both of them at the same time, but they would not be able to do it one party at a time out of the earshot or presence of the other party. So that's a significant component in the bill. I feel very strongly that we need to have that and there may be others here who have opinions on that and I would certainly invite their opinions. Going beyond that, then, the next...the next major and significant thing that I want to point out is that this is a...this area of policy making and rule making and decision making is an ever changing environment. As we are discussing this bill through this session, I would predict that there will be some decisions at the federal level that could affect...that could affect the Public Service Commission and this area of the law. And with respect to that and recognizing that,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...in the bill we have inserted, we have inserted a sentence on page 4 about line 13 that says that when the commission is dealing with setting access charges and reviewing the structure of charges of a company, that the actions that they take, that our commission takes, shall be substantially consistent with the federal act and federal actions taken under its authority. It is...it is important if we are going to have decisions that stand up in court or that are not successfully attacked by the parties that those actions take into account what the overriding federal provisions are with respect to the usage of the telephone. It is an interstate operation. This is not something that's confined only to our state. Long distance calls go across, of course, the entire country.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: And so that's the reason for that sentence in that section. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. The Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the