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basis that you can qualify. It doesn't completely do away with their basic telephone rate but it adds to that. If you can't afford the charges to hook up, the initial installation charge or fees that you get to get a dial tone service, we also have a program called Linkup, and that also is available, which waives some of the fees and charges and allows people to do that. There is some other conditions and items put into Lifeline and Linkup. They are not a panacea. They don't totally give a free telephone, but they certainly make big assistance for those people who are having trouble maintaining basic telephone service. Now how does Universal Service Fund fit into that? We have not collected any money yet on the Universal Service Fund. The Universal Service Fund has had a long study and task force. They had a pretty broad group of people...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...with different interests and the telephone companies get together, and the industry and the public, and that Universal Service Fund is set to come into play yet this year, perhaps late spring or early summer, but they need to be doing some things like hiring an administrator, getting ready to assess the fee, deciding how they're going to do it, and they've entered an order. And I know Senator Bromm has a copy of that order. I think most of you, if you look in your mail, you probably got one, but you'd look at it and glaze over like I did the first time, but that order, basically, describes what they are going to do with Universal Service Fund, a progression of how it's going to happen, and I hope this morning we can give you a little progression or time line that might be passed out. In fact, I just see one come across my desk right now, of the transition plan, thank you, of how universal service is going to be implemented. And I know my time is short, I am going to punch back on because I want to give you just a little more background of what we're talking about and how it plays into LB 514.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. For discussion on the advancement of LB 514, the Chair recognizes Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the body, thank you. I just want to make a few comments about LB 514, and make no