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all of this is subsidizing \$8 a month service, maybe it's subsidizing in Omaha \$17 a month service for US West, you need to make sure those costs are out in the open. If the actual cost of the service is where you price it, competition is going to work. So that's what we're trying to do here. That's why I support 514. That's why I support the Telecommunications Act of 1996. It is going to bring in competition. It brings prices to cost so your constituents are going to pay a little more on their local bill, but their long distance bill is going to drop. So it should be about a wash. And, in fact, in 1997, this august body had the foresight, with Speaker Kristensen put it together in Transportation Committee, we said if you raise rates, US West, if you raise rates, incumbent telephone company, the total net revenue can't grow by more than 1 percent. So when US West raises its rates, something else has to come down. We ensured that. It's in the law right now, 1 percent, the rate rebalancing can't change revenues by more than 1 percent. So we've already ensured that. Now we're doing the second part of what we need to do to make sure that if you live out in a high cost service area, if you live miles from the nearest house, then your actual cost is probably \$200 or \$300 a month but you're not going to pay that actual cost because the rest of the folks in the good state of Nebraska are going to help you out. They're going to be paying 5 percent a month, so are you. That will come out to make sure that your local phone service isn't above a certain level that the commission determines is affordable. Now why do we...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...send all this authority to the Public Service Commission? You ask yourself, why don't we keep it for ourselves? There is a lot of detail here, folks. This is the kind of stuff that takes years to figure out, talking about CLECs and ILECs and all these acro...I mean this is a specialized area. We don't have the expertise or the time to micromanage what's going on in the telecommunications world. The role of the Legislature is to set broad policy. The Public Service Commission, they're the experts. We'll let them do their job, and that's what 514 does, gives them more authority to do their job to help the people of this state. So I support this bill and I hope the body will as well. Thank you,