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any input or intent, that they could do so.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, a little more than five minutes. Okay?

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you very much, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and thank you, Senator Kristensen. Just going to briefly remind the body, as I know most of you are familiar with the bill after the discussion that's occurred. But without this bill and without getting it passed in a fairly prompt order, there will be no Lifeline fund, because the Lifeline Fund is part of the entire act that sunsets June 30 of this year. So it is...it is imperative that we do get the bill passed with the emergency clause and that the Governor sign the bill so that all of the provisions that are in the Universal Service Fund Act can continue to remain in place. Secondly, and very importantly, without this bill there will be no progress on lowering of access charges, which affects all of Nebraskans, anyone that makes a long distance call. And there will be no teeth in the law, which this provides the Public Service with, to make sure that the long distance carriers would get a reduction in access charges, pass those access charge reductions on in a fair and reasonable manner to the customers, to all of the customers. With that, I'll simply say that on Select File the issue that Senator Kristensen was talking about was dealt with. Senator Chambers had an amendment which was adopted, which we agreed to. And Senator Chambers and I made one of those gentlemen's agreements on the floor that, with the adoption of this amendment, that the bill would advance as far as he's concerned, and that we would commit to doing a serious interim study on the whole issue of the...of the fund, of the Lifeline Fund, with the idea that we would try to develop legislation which would allow Nebraska to maximize the use of any revenues that might be available for people who would be eligible for the Lifeline Fund, and look at the eligibility requirements of the Lifeline Fund. And I commit to do that. And we made that agreement, and the Transportation Committee will follow through on that. So, with that, I thank you, Senator Kristensen, for the time, and, Senator Chambers, for your input as well. And I know you'll want to speak. So, thank you, Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. For discussion,