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their ongoing duty is to monitor the level of contribution to the Universal Service Fund, whether or not it is resulting in companies having excessive profits or profits above what is fair and reasonable. And we have given them some additional teeth and power to do that. And my expectation is that they must do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler, Senator Bromm. Senator Kristensen, no further lights are on; would you like to close?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I appreciate the body spending a few minutes with us this morning because this is an important issue. Had we not done it in this manner, I think we would have probably taken three to four hours doing some other amendments. And this was the, I think, the best way to do this. The other thing I would add would be that we've not discussed this morning, I think it's extremely important, and that is who qualifies for Lifeline, and how are they informed about qualifying? That's another important issue that I think the Public Service Commission needs to examine in an expedited manner. That involves other state agencies. That perhaps will involve giving direct notice through the companies, through their billing, when people call them and they have trouble with paying their bills, they need to be informed that this program is up, it's running, and it's accessible to them. And it shouldn't be a difficult thing for them to request and to apply for. And that if we're going to have the program, the issue is it ought to be out there, it ought to be readily available, and people shouldn't have to just be lucky to find out about it. And I would hope that the companies and the Public Service Commission would hasten their efforts to make this an accessible program. And, with that, I would pull my motion to return.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is withdrawn. We are on Final Reading if senators would please return to their seats. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 514 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: All provisions of law relative to procedure