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of the fine. One of the things that has come up always has to do with the role of the states, and the FCC has made it very obvious that they feel that the role of the states is critical in coming up with ways to deter slamming. This is not a bill intended to create a problem with the industry. In fact, the FCC states very carefully that they want a balance between the subscriber and the industry. In fact, the first part of the bill, if they do the verification process set up under the FCC standards and the notification goes out, it stops right there. This is a bill that is intended to go after the problem. The second part I would say is that the FCC rules and regulations are ongoing. Several of the rules go into effect April 29, but they are still working on some of the others. This puts into statute the authority the Public Service Commission needs so that they can enforce complaints against the carriers that have provided the unauthorized switch and, basically, it provides consumer protection by taking the profit out of slamming. And I believe at this time there are committee amendments. I will take any questions now if there are.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Committee amendments to LB 150, Senator Bromm. (Standing Committee amendment AM0437 is found on page 753 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Senator Chris Peterson was giving a good description I think. Primarily a lot of what she was talking about is the committee amendments and I will yield time to her when I've concluded some remarks about the committee amendments so that she can continue the explanation. The committee amendments really are the bill and were an effort to take Senator Landis' bill, that Senator Peterson referred to, plus her bill and make one bill which perhaps would be the legislation in this area that we would go with. To acquaint the body with some specifics, I guess, I think what is the crux of the bill is found in Section 5 of the committee amendments, and it basically says that if you're going to be switched either in local or long distance service providers that if a telecommunications company is going to make the switch, they cannot do so without obtaining one of the following forms of verification. First of all, a written authorization would be acceptable. Secondly, an electronic