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debate than what we will be able to have on this amendment. So it's an attempt to maintain a status quo with respect to the regulation of this industry as it relates to common carriers and contract carriers and I certainly appreciate Senator Landis' support because he has a great deal of history and knowledge in this area which I'm glad that he feels that he can support this. And so I'll conclude my comments at this point. I would point out, I don't know if...if Senator Chambers, with his great command of the English language, has ever used this word in a bill or an amendment, but we searched for a word that we thought maybe had not been used and we may have found on, I'm not sure, but it's on line 16 of page 2 of the amendment and the word is "ubiquitous." And...ubiquitous, and so I...the word has absolutely no reason to be there other than the fact that we wanted to find a word that hadn't been used, so we decided (laugh)...no, it...the context in which the word is used, and I...I should not have brought it up because I'm sure it will lead to trouble, but the context is that the required certificate under this amendment for common carriers and contract carriers are necessary to preserve the integrity of a ubiquitous network to preserve and advance universal service and to ensure the delivery of essential and emergency telecommunications services. Now it's my understanding that the word means an all-encompassing or all-serving, a very broad network, not a limited network serving only a portion or segment of the population. So we...it's just a real exciting word and so I thought (laugh) I would point it out to you. But, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I would yield the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Seeing no other lights on, Senator, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BROMM: I'll waive closing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm waives closing. the question before us is the adoption of AM1128 to LB 150. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bromm's amendment.