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wanting to come into the area in many ways. There are also areas of the state that are not going to have the...what I would call the blessing of competition and will be crying for services. We have strong companies who have been here a long, long time. We have new companies that haven't been here before but who want to be here. We have potential for many conflicts. We have potential for serious problems that could affect consumers, could affect the citizens of the state. And in the past, we've simply had really no way to deal with that by the PSC other than to revoke a certificate of authority to do business in the state. And that, my friends, is not a realistic threat, not if the company serves a great number of people because by revoking the certificate of authority you are simply hurting the people who need the service as much as anything, so that probably is not going to happen. I think this is somewhat landmark, a landmark step. I believe that we have got a balanced bill that is viewed by some as being too much, by others as not enough. That tells me that it's fairly well balanced. I think it's as far as we can go this session, short session. We will be back and we'll deal with some of the things that Senator Beutler, Senator Kristensen, Senator Landis and others spoke about, Senator Don Pederson, questions that were raised, we will continue to deal with those issues as we can and as they develop. So I ask for your support in advancing...in adopting AM3082. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. The question is the adoption of AM3082 to LB 1285. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: Senator Bromm, I now have AM2986 in front of me.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: I'd like to withdraw that amendment, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.