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LB 282

that. The telephone industry gets a chance to challenge that. And we do not weigh in with LB 282 to pick one or the other of those two sides of the fight. Frankly, right now this is an area that is up for grabs in public policy. And to be truthful to the claim that I made early on, which is that we're not changing public policy with the streamline, this amendment, I think, is consistent with that, and would return us to the neutrality that LB 282 has always claimed to have, and was my intent in having, and what...and was part of the reason that the Revenue Committee advanced it. I would ask for the adoption of AM1634. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Landis. The Chair would recognize Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Landis, I'm sorry. I tried hard, but I didn't understand it completely. LB 282...by taking that language out of LB 282, it causes LB 282 not to say, as it would have said, that these particular types of lines are in fact taxable? Is that the way it would work?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Microphone malfunction)...have a controversy. And as written, LB 282 would have determined that controversy against the telephone industry. And this returns us to the place we are now, which is that that controversy will go forward.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And so it will be litigated in court, and however it's decided, that will be the way it's decided, except...unless the Legislature wants to come back in and make a contrary decision?

SENATOR LANDIS: Exactly. And...

SENATOR BEUTLER: And this facilitates getting this matter moved forward.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right. This facilitates that. And then in a separate policy making bill, the Legislature would be able