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frankly, with regard to the amendment itself, I know that I'm in favor of most parts of it but I'm not sure about the amendment overall, and I hope we'll have a good discussion of it. I want to basically set out what my framework for looking at this will be, and maybe even in the end, asking Senator Brashear to reflect upon that framework. Sometimes in this Legislature it appears that some of us are all for the free enterprise and some of us are for the public power system. I'm not sure we really disagree all that much, and I think maybe the devil is in the details. But here's my hierarchy of things. For myself, and I think for most of us in the country, we believe in the free We believe that true competition among enterprise system. private enterprise is the best way to get to the lowest cost for It's the most efficient way of progressing through consumers. time and emerging with an efficient economy. If you can't have a pure free enterprise situation, then the second model I think you can go to is a balanced regulation of free enterprise. that's what happened, I think, early in the twentieth century when we discovered that free enterprise didn't work for us in certain ways, especially in the utilities area. I mean, this hierarchy of models I think applies across the board, especially in the utility areas where heavy investment up-front is a...differentiates it from many other industries. We've gone to the model of a balanced regulation of free enterprise. Well, that becomes problematic from time to time because that can sink to the position where you're only serving an entrenched monopoly. And I think in telecommunications in some areas today, with the emergence of new technologies, the regulated monopolies that...or the regulated industry structure that we have with the Public Service Commission is basically serving to preserve monopolies with subsidies. And the same lobby out there that argues today for the free enterprise system will not give up the subsidies that it has in other areas. On the other hand, the regulation situation can also debilitate into a situation where you're not encouraging competition anymore. So that model can be useful, depending on how you use it, and it's a continual struggle in a democracy to get the right balance in But if pure free enterprise doesn't work and a balanced regulation doesn't work, the third model is the public ownership. And we go to that model very, very rarely. We know on a worldwide scale that that model doesn't work. The collapse