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Chambers more eloquently than I can, but I think it's axiomatic that all of the things being equal, decisions are as good as the information on which they're based, and for that reason, I think this motion should be voted on by the...by the membership and I hope that the motion prevails. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. The question now before the body is, shall LB 686 be bracketed until May 8th, 1997? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to vote? Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, to bracket the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill is not bracketed. We will return to consideration of the Chambers amendment to the Beutler amendment, but before that, we will give the Clerk an opportunity to read some items into the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Enrollment and Review reports (LB) 310, (LB) 310A, (LB) 23, (LB) 374, (LB) 255, (LB) 255A to Select File. Amendments to be printed to (LB) 806 by Senator Brown and Bromm; Senator Brashear to (LB) 420. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1564-65 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, for discussion on the Chambers amendment to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I've now acquired a copy of the Kansas statutes setting up their universal fund and their program down in Kansas, and I just wanted to point out a few things and maybe you...maybe give you an idea of why some of the vagueness and what I would call vagueness in our particular bill is discomfoting to...to people like myself, but the Kansas bill directs the commission by dates specific to do a number of different types of things, and, first of all, it sets out, and the Legislature, itself, defines what universal service is. I don't know if you all have asked yourself what...what does this apply to, or what services does this apply to, this concept of universal service. But Kansas sets out a definition in very technical term. And then they have another definition of "enhanced universal service" which