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would have done it this session, but, folks, we just...we didn't have the time. When the court ruled, the state...U.S. Supreme Court ruled March 24, we just simply didn't have the time to get this taken care of and, as I said, we have some programs ongoing out there with leasing dark fiber and so on. And we're trusting people to do what's right while in the interim here and then not try and pull any shenanigans. Regardless, I think there's parties involved that are going to act in good faith and I'd be glad to listen to Senator Beutler's response or his comments on this, and also Senator Bourne. And I, likewise, would try and answer any questions people may have. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Mr. Clerk, priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, a priority. I do have amendments. Senator Chambers has a priority motion. That would be to bracket until April 15, 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the way this resolution is drafted, it's one of the silliest things I ever read while being here. The last sentence is that the Legislature desires to convey these policy statements to the Public Service Commission. What is that talking about? The Public Service Commission is a constitutional body. It's a member of the executive branch. If the people in the Legislature don't like what they're doing just go tell them, but don't bring something that suggests that we on the legislative floor, who have a bit of sense and judgment, would vote for a resolution such as this. And Senator Baker did say he's going to withdraw it. But on page 3 in line 2, among the "resolves" is the one that avers that the Legislature intends to reenact the provisions of a certain bill. He doesn't know what the Legislature intends to do. He does know that one Legislature cannot bind another. He should have substituted the personal pronoun "I" for the term "the Legislature." And all of this verbiage is not even worth discussing in detail, but if Senator Baker is suggesting that the Public Service Commission