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LB 573

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 573 is a bill offered by Senator Clark. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year. It was referred to Public Works for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending by the Public Works Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee amendments actually are the white copy. I think everyone has a copy of them. It does not change the intent of the bill. Senator Clark will explain the bill. It has to do with small telephone companies, those that have less than 5,000 subscribers, and it provides a method whereby they can request a rate increase without going to the Public Service Commission. The committee amendments actually do not change the intent of the bill. It only provides that if a subscriber wishes, he can circulate a petition and see that the rate increase does go through the Public Service Commission and it provides a method by which they can circulate that petition. That is the intent of the committee amendments. Virtually the committee amendments do not change the intent of the bill. It only provides a way so the subscriber can provide a method and a route to go to the PSC should they so desire. I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion then on the committee amendments to LB 573? Hearing none, Senator Kremer, I guess we are ready then unless you have any additional on it.

SENATOR KREMER: I think, Mr. Chairman, there is one more thing it provides. It provides the request for rate change cannot be submitted more than once per year, should they fail.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion then? Then the question before the House is the adoption of the amendments on LB 573. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The committee amendments are adopted on LB 573. The Chair recognizes Senator Clark for purposes of explanation.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. Chairman and members, I hope you will listen closely to this bill. What this does is to allow

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