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PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, they say that the more complex the bill, the less the discussion because the less we understand it. You get yourself a simple bill and there is a whole lot of talk on the floor. I hope that rule is thrown out the window today because this is one dramatic, large bill that needs all the debate we can justify. I rise, too, to object and to vote against the committee amendments. Helping us with this large and difficult issue is a study conducted on behalf of the Nebraska State Legislature by the Arthur Anderson Accounting Company of the telecommunications industry in Nebraska. It is a major piece of work and very valuable on this discussion. I hope you've had a chance to look at it because right at the front is an executive summary. It tells you right off the major issues in the area, and if you've got a copy at your desk take a look at page XIII, in Roman numerals, because it lists the key recommendations to this Legislature about the telecommunications industry and the first one is that the Legislature needs to examine the benefits and disadvantages of competitive alternatives and make a basic statement of policy, an overall policy statement which will provide the framework for any further regulation or deregulation of the industry. Is it in the green copy of the bill? No, it isn't. Is it in the committee amendments that we're now discussing? No, it isn't. Is it in the DeCamp amendment which we are about to discuss? No, it isn't. Recommendation number two in this executive summary, once the overall guidelines have been established, related policy issues must also be addressed. Among them, minimal telephone service to those unable to pay for the service, commonly referred to as the lifeline. Is major recommendation two from this \$50,000 study in the green copy of the bill? No, it isn't. Is it in the committee amendments that we are discussing? No, it isn't. Is it in the DeCamp amendment which we are about to discuss? No, it isn't. Recommendation number three is another failing on the committee amendments we are about to discuss. In order to evaluate alternatives, a more comprehensive statistical study may be required. Third major recommendation of this \$50,000 report we've just gotten done doing, is that comprehensive statistical study envisioned in the green copy of the bill? No, it isn't. Is it in the